

THEME I
GOD'S RIGHTEOUS RIGHT HAND

**Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed;
for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea,
I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.
Isaiah 41:10**

LESSONS 1 – 12

LESSON 1

AUGUST 4, 2024

FAMILY SUNDAY
MARRIAGE IS HONORABLE

MOTTO TEXT: Hebrews 13:4 Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

ENTIRE LESSON: John 2:1-11

1. And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:
2. And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.
3. And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.
4. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.
5. His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.
6. And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.
7. Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.
8. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare
9. When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew; the governor of the feast called the bridegroom,
10. And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.
11. This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

PURPOSE - To show that we are to remain faithful in marriage. Both fornication and adultery are sins.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Should we continue in sin? God forbid. If a man be found lying with a woman married to a husband, then they shall both of them die, both the man that lay with the woman, and the woman: so shalt thou put away evil from Israel. Deuteronomy 22:22

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Fornication – Sexual intercourse between people not married to each other.
2. Honorable – Bringing or worthy of honor; deserving respect or high regard.
3. Marriage – The legally and formally recognized union between one man and one woman as lifetime partners.
4. Miracle – An extraordinary event taken as a sign of the supernatural power of God.
5. Undeified – Not defiled; pure; free from stain or blemish.
6. Yoked – Coupled or joined together.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

Young people, the Bible tells us in Genesis 2:18, “And the LORD God said, it is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a help meet for him.” God instituted and ordained marriage in the Garden of Eden. Even though marriage is honorable, today it is under fire. Marriage is between one man and one woman. We must do all that we can to strengthen the bonds of love between a man and his wife. We believe in Christians marrying Christians and saints marrying saints, and sinners and unbelievers marrying. Decree pg. 39 The Bible is right.

Let us strive to follow the example of the marriage that took place in Cana of Galilee. Jesus, his mother, and his disciples were invited to the wedding. The guest ran out of wine and Jesus instructed them to fill the waterpots to the brim with water (nothing else was added). Jesus then turned the water into wine. Great things happen when Jesus is present. Always invite him to the wedding or any other event, you will be so glad that you did!

1. Who said that it is not good that man be alone?
In Genesis 2:18: “The LORD God said, it is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a help meet for him.”
2. Write a short essay on the importance of being equally yoked or joined together, and why is marriage honorable?
Study the Motto Text: Hebrews 13:4

MEMORY VERSE: Philippians 4:8 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.

LESSON 2

AUGUST 11, 2024

THERE IS NO GOD LIKE OUR GOD

MOTTO TEXT: Isaiah 45:21-23 Tell ye, and bring *them* near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? *who* hath told it from that time? *have* not I the LORD? and *there is* no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; *there is* none beside me. Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else.

ENTIRE LESSON 1 Samuel 2:1-10

1. And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation.
2. *There is* none holy as the LORD: for *there is* none beside thee: neither *is there* any rock like our God.
3. Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let *not* arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD *is* a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.
4. The bows of the mighty men *are* broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength.
5. *They that were* full have hired out themselves for bread; and *they that were* hungry ceased: so that the barren hath born seven; and she that hath many children is waxed feeble.
6. The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up.
7. The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up.
8. He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, *and* lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set *them* among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth *are* the LORD'S, and he hath set the world upon them.
9. He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.
10. The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.

PURPOSE - To declare to the entire world that it is God who made the earth, and created man upon it: God, *by his* hands, who have stretched out the heavens, and there is none other like Him.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Remember the former things of old: for He is God, and *there is* none else; *He is* God, and *there is* none like Him. Isaiah 46:9

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Arrogancy: exaggerating of one's own worth or importance in an overbearing manner. Our souls should boast in the Lord.
2. Dunghill: a heap of dung or refuse, especially in a farmyard, significant of the lowest and most wretched condition. The degradation to which a person or nation can fall.
3. Girded: prepare one's self for action, tucking up the traditional long robe into a belt so it will not hamper physical activity.
4. Horn: a Biblical symbol of victory, being rescued from oppression.
5. Prevail: to use persuasion to successfully get control or influence.
6. Waxed feeble: brought weak, to totter or waver through weakness of extremities, difficulty.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Hannah prayed unto the Lord for a man child. She vowed to give him back to God. She was consistent and honest in her request.

How do you think God felt because of the sincerity of her request and vow? Talk about how you make your requests to God when you want something as desperately as Hannah.

2. When the Lord granted Hannah's prayer for a son, she gave Him great praise acknowledging the fact that there is none like Him.
Share with the class how you respond when your earnest prayer is answered by God.
3. Hannah was barren (not able to bear children), but when God gave her the son she asked for she bore seven more children.
Do you rejoice in the God of your salvation because there is none like Him?
4. God has the power to give life and to take life away.
What does this mean to you?
5. Name some of the words of praise that you use or hear others use.
What praise words did Hannah use in today's lesson?
6. Discuss the ways this lesson exemplifies that there is no God like our God.
How is God our rock?

MEMORY VERSE: Isaiah 44:6 Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I *am* the first, and I *am* the last; and beside me *there is* no God.

LESSON 3

AUGUST 18, 2024

GOD IS FAITHFUL

MOTTO TEXT: 1 Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*.

ENTIRE LESSON Hebrews 10:22-39

22. 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.
23. Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering; (for he *is* faithful that promised;)
24. And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:
25. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.
26. For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,
27. But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.
28. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:
29. Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant,

wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

30. For we know him that hath said, Vengeance *belongeth* unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.
31. *It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*
32. But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions;
33. Partly, whilst ye were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used.
34. For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.
35. Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.
36. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.
37. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.
38. Now the just shall live by faith: but if *any man* draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.
39. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

PURPOSE - To demonstrate the faithfulness of God. There is no greater love than God's love.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Trust and obey. The eyes of the LORD *are* in every place, beholding the evil and the good. Proverbs 15:3 Our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name. Psalm 32:21

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Assurance: to pledge, declare, promise or guarantee something. Saints of God have a blessed assurance that Jesus is real.
2. Despite: regardless of, even though, in the face of. If we commit sins despite knowing of the grace of God, we will receive the sorer punishment.
3. Exhort: to urge, prod, teach, encourage. Saints should exhort one another daily.
4. Sorer: painful, extremely uncomfortable, and very annoying. A willful sinner will receive an extremely painful punishment.
5. Zealous: fervent, eager, passionate, or eager. Followers of Jesus Christ must passionately, eagerly and fervent in repentance from weights and sins.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. In today's lesson Jesus had a conversation with some Galatians relative to people whom Pilate had killed and a group killed by a falling tower. Were these victims greater sinners than anyone else? Discuss Jesus' response to the group.
2. Do you have any unrepentant sins? If so, what should you do and how soon should you do it?
3. Yeast is leaven placed in dough to cause it to rise. It only takes a small amount to accomplish this rising. How do you think this relates to sins that are committed and not repented of?

4. Are there any little or big sins? Do you know that God stands ready to forgive all sins? The Bible says that God does not desire that any should be lost but all should repent. We should repent daily of sins known and unknown.
5. Are you similar to the unfruitful fig tree? Are you working to bring others to the Lord that they might be saved?
6. Some believers will not go back with Jesus when He returns because they will not be prepared. Don't be among that group. Be faithfully working now in preparation for His return.

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Thessalonians 3:3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep *you* from evil.

LESSON 4

AUGUST 25, 2024

GOD IS SPEAKING TO HIS PEOPLE

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

ENTIRE LESSON: Isaiah 55:3-13

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 know without a doubt that if we would listen unto the voice of God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in his holy book, that we will live: and the Lord God shall bless us with health and prosperity.

PRACTICAL POINT - Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer. Psalm 19:14

GLOSSARY / COMMENTARY

1. Covenant – A relationship between two partners who make binding promises to each other; an agreement.
2. Everlasting – Lasting forever or a very long time; Eternity; having no end.
3. Forsake – To abandon someone or something; to renounce or give up.
4. Incline – To lean, tend, or become drawn toward an opinion or course of conduct.
5. Listen – To give one’s full attention to someone or something.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Has God ever spoken to you? What did He say, and how did you respond?
Answer Individually and Discuss.
2. List some ways that God speaks to us?
Class Discussion
3. Does God speak through the weather?
Yes, God speaks through the weather (Read and Study Matthew 24:7-8).
4. Fill in the blanks: “If my people, which are _____ by my _____, shall _____ themselves, and _____, and seek my _____, and _____ from their _____ ways; then will I hear from _____, and will _____ their _____, and will _____ their land” (2 Chronicles 7:14).
5. Give examples of who and how God speaks through in the Bible.
God spoke to Moses through the Burning Bush.
6. The message, “Deliver my people”. God spoke to Pharaoh through the plagues of Egypt, The message: “Let my people go”.
Can you list any others?
7. God is speaking to His people. Let us respond in a timely manner for it is an urgency to seek the LORD in a time when he mayest be found (Psalms 32:6a).
Remember, Timing Is Everything!
True ____ False ____
8. What do you see in the phrase, “Seek ye the LORD”?
God is saying, ... “SEE ME.” God wants us to seek Him in every way.

MEMORY VERSE: James 5:16 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.

EVANGELISM SUNDAY
ARE YOU SAVED THE BIBLE WAY?

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

ENTIRE LESSON: Acts 2:1-21

1. And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
2. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.
3. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.
4. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
5. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.
6. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.
7. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?
8. And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?
9. Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,
10. Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,
11. Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.
12. And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?
13. Others mocking said, these men are full of new wine.
14. But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:
15. For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.
16. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;
17. And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:
18. And on my servants and on my handmaidens, I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:
19. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

20. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and notable day of the Lord come:
21. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

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

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

GLOSSARY / COMMENTARY

1. Convert – Turn away from sin in repentance and turning to Christ; cause to change in form or character.
2. Evangelism – The spreading of the Christian gospel by public preaching or personal witness.
3. Remission – The cancellation of a debt, charge, or penalty; forgiveness.
4. Repent – Feel or express sincere regret or remorse about one’s wrongdoing or sin. Turning away from sin and turning to God for forgiveness and salvation.
5. Saved – Rescued from danger, harm, or loss; delivered. Your sins no longer count against you.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. What is the Bible evidence of receiving the Holy Ghost?
The evidence of receiving the Holy Ghost is speaking in tongues. (Study Acts2:1-4)
2. What are some ways that you can evangelize in the twenty-first century?
Class Discussion
3. Make sure that you are saved the Bible way.
What are the conditions to be saved according to Acts 2:38?
Repent, be baptized, and receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
4. Why is it necessary to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ?
It is necessary to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.

MEMORY VERSE: Ephesians 2:8-9 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.

LESSON 6

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

GRANDPARENTS’ DAY LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

MOTTO TEXT: 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.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 5:13-16

13. Ye are the salt of the earth, but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing but to be cast out and to be trodden under the foot of men.
14. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a 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.

PURPOSE - To explore Jesus' metaphor of believers as the salt of the earth and the light of the world, emphasizing the call to let their light shine through good works for the glory of God.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Encourage believers to live in a way that reflects God's light, making a positive impact on the world through acts of kindness, love, and righteousness.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Impact: Affects, influences positive or negative opinions. Therefore, believers must be very careful of what their light reveals because it impacts their witness.
2. Reflects: To show up, give back. The way you live reflects whether you are an ambassador for God or not.
3. Savor: Flavor, taste good seasoning, relish. Salt and other seasonings give flavor to food. Our lives must show Jesus, if not we have lost our savor. Salt that has no flavor is thrown away.
4. Thence-forth: From that time forward. From now on. The Christian's witness is from now on after the Holy Ghost has come upon him.
5. Trodden: Walked on by many others. Anything that is not good and is thrown out on the ground may be walked on by many people.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. This lesson calls for believers to let their light so shine before men that their good works may be seen.
How do you let your light shine? Give examples.
2. God must be glorified in all that we do.
Is this an easy or difficult thing for you? Why or why not? Talk about it.
3. The world is watching you as young Christians.
Are you concerned about what they observe in you? Is your lifestyle different from theirs? Share the differences.
4. We don't light candles and place them under bushels, but put them on candlesticks so they can give light to the room.
Compare the works of a Christian with the light a candle gives off. Are you measuring up? God delights in the obedience of his children giving him praise and glory.
5. Go out into all the world with your good works. Visit the sick, cut your neighbors' grass, go to the store for someone, share some encouraging words to someone who is sad, etc. God is waiting and watching for you to let your light shine.

MEMORY VERSE: 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.

LESSON 7

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

ENOCH WALKED WITH GOD

MOTTO TEXT: Hebrews 11:5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

ENTIRE LESSON: Genesis 5:1-5; Genesis 5:15-24

Genesis 5:1-5

1. This *is* the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;
2. Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.
3. And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat *a son* in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:
4. And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters:
5. And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.

Genesis 5:15-24

15. And Mahalaleel lived sixty and five years, and begat Jared:
16. And Mahalaleel lived after he begat Jared eight hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters:
17. And all the days of Mahalaleel were eight hundred ninety and five years: and he died.
18. And Jared lived an hundred sixty and two years, and he begat Enoch:
19. And Jared lived after he begat Enoch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:
20. And all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty and two years: and he died.
21. And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah:
22. And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:
23. And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:
24. And Enoch walked with God: and he *was* not; for God took him.

PURPOSE - To show that if we are obedient and faithful to God's command and do the things that are pleasing to God, we can also find favor with God.

PRACTICAL POINT - We walk by faith and not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Begat/Begotten - became the biological father of a child; to bear or bring forth.
2. Generations - a family's ancestry down the line beginning with the parents

3. Testimony - the life a person lives; actions, behavior; what others witness about the person's life.
4. Translated - God took the person up from earth without the person's dying; transferred.
5. Walked - very close relationship; persons agree; obeyed God; lived God's will

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. What does "that he pleased God" mean? *Refer to Motto Text*
Enoch obeyed God's word.
2. Did Enoch physically walk beside God while Enoch was on earth?
No, Enoch's actions reflected the teachings of God.
3. Why was Enoch's testimony important?
Enoch's translation came as a result of his testimony.
4. Did God create both male and female?
Yes, "Male and female created he them" Genesis 5:2
5. How old was Adam when he died?
Adam was nine-hundred, thirty years old when he died.
6. What was the family relationship between Mahalaleel and Jared?
Mahalaleel was Jared's father.
7. Who was Enoch's father?
Jared was Enoch's father.
8. Who was Enoch's son?
Methuselah was Enoch's son.

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 1:1 Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

LESSON 8

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

GOD IS ANGRY WITH THE WICKED EVERYDAY

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 7:11 God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry *with the wicked* every day.

ENTIRE LESSON: Isaiah 1:10-20

10. Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.
11. To what purpose *is* the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats.
12. When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts?
13. Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; *it is* iniquity, even the solemn meeting.

14. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear *them*.
15. And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.
16. Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;
17. Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.
18. Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.
19. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:
20. But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.

PURPOSE– To show that the wrath of God is revealed upon the children of disobedience and to let all ungodly sinners know that on that day, God’s righteous judgement will be revealed.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION – Be angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: neither give place to the devil. Ephesians 4:26-27

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Abomination: A feeling of intense dislike or disapproval toward somebody or something. God hates sin. Therefore, sin is an abomination before God.
2. Crimson: To become a deep rich purplish red color, or make something become this color. If your sins be as crimson, God will make them as wool.
3. Oblation: The offering of a gift or sacrifice to a deity. Ungodly oblations are not acceptable unto God.
4. Scarlet: A bright orange-tinged red color. As repentant children of God, our sins that are as scarlet can be made as white as snow.
5. Sodom and Gomorrah: These two cities were guilty of very great sins. God sent a message to the rulers of these cities that their sacrifices were in vain and that he would hide his eyes from them and would not hear their prayers.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. God is angry about sin. Does this mean he is angry with you when you’re guilty of doing wrong?
Explain your answers.
2. Allow the class to talk about ways to guard against doing wrong.
What fleshly works are shown in the lesson that caused God’s anger?
3. Isaiah told the people exactly what God wanted them to stop doing.
What would the end result be if they refused?
4. The attention of the rulers was called to do several things that God required.
List and discuss each of them. Are you able to use them as guides to your living before God?
5. God was angry with Sodom and Gomorrah.
Have you ever been angry? What caused your anger and what resulted from it?
Were the results good or not?

6. God's judgment is just.
What about man's judgment? Defend your responses.

MEMORY VERSE: Hebrews 10:31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

LESSON 9

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

GOD IS FOR YOU, NOT AGAINST YOU

MOTTO TEXT: Romans 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

ENTIRE LESSON: Romans 8:26-39

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.
29. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.
30. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.
31. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?
32. He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?
33. Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.
34. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.
35. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
36. As it is written, for thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.
37. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.
38. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,
39. Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PURPOSE - To show that God loves and cares about every one of us. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. Psalm 118:8

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Infirmities - weakness, frail, feeble.
2. Intercession - prayer on behalf of another.
3. Peril - danger, risk of injury, hazard.
4. Predestinate - predetermine, determined beforehand.
5. Principalities - state of authority, territory of a prince or leader.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. God continues to prove that he is for you by giving his best for you. Jeremiah 31:3 ...Yea I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee. God's everlasting love for you proves that he is for you. In Isaiah 41:10, God says: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." God confirms that he is for you by being there for you, by strengthening you, by helping you, and by upholding you. Everyday God protects you, provides for you, defends for you, and gives grace and mercy to you. What more can God do to prove he is for you?

MEMORY VERSE: 1 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 10

OCTOBER 6, 2024

HE IS A GOD OF A SECOND CHANCE

MOTTO TEXT: Judges 16:28 And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.

ENTIRE LESSON: Judges 16:6-30

6. And Delilah said to Samson, tell me, I pray thee, wherein thy great strength *lieth*, and wherewith thou mightest be bound to afflict thee.
7. And Samson said unto her, if they bind me with seven green withs that were never dried, then shall I be weak, and be as another man.
8. Then the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven green withs which had not been dried, and she bound him with them.
9. Now *there were* men lying in wait, abiding with her in the chamber. And she said unto him, The Philistines *be* upon thee, Samson. And he break the withs, as a thread of tow is broken when it toucheth the fire. So, his strength was not known.
10. And Delilah said unto Samson, Behold, thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: now tell me, I pray thee, wherewith thou mightest be bound.
11. And he said unto her, if they bind me fast with new ropes that never were occupied, then shall I be weak, and be as another man.

12. Delilah therefore took new ropes, and bound him therewith, and said unto him, The Philistines *be* upon thee, Samson. And *there were* liers in wait abiding in the chamber. And he break them from off his arms like a thread.
13. And Delilah said unto Samson, hitherto thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: tell me wherewith thou mightest be bound. And he said unto her, If thou weavest the seven locks of my head with the web.
14. And she fastened *it* with the pin, and said unto him, The Philistines *be* upon thee, Samson. And he awaked out of his sleep, and went away with the pin of the beam, and with the web.
15. And she said unto him, how canst thou say, I love thee, when thine heart *is* not with me? thou hast mocked me these three times, and hast not told me wherein thy great strength *lieth*.
16. And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, *so* that his soul was vexed unto death;
17. That he told her all his heart, and said unto her, there hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I *have been* a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any *other* man.
18. And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, come up this once, for he hath shewed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up unto her and brought money in their hand.
19. And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him.
20. And she said, The Philistines *be* upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him.
21. But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house.
22. Howbeit the hair of his head began to grow again after he was shaven.
23. Then the lords of the Philistines gathered them together for to offer a great sacrifice unto Dagon their god, and to rejoice: for they said, our god hath delivered Samson our enemy into our hand.
24. And when the people saw him, they praised their god: for they said, our god hath delivered into our hands our enemy, and the destroyer of our country, which slew many of us.
25. And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, call for Samson, that he may make us sport. And they called for Samson out of the prison house; and he made them sport: and they set him between the pillars.
26. And Samson said unto the lad that held him by the hand, suffer me that I may feel the pillars whereupon the house standeth, that I may lean upon them.
27. Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Philistines *were* there; and *there were* upon the roof about three thousand men and women, that beheld while Samson made sport.
28. And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.

29. And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left.
30. And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with *all his* might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that *were* therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than *they* which he slew in his life.

PURPOSE - To show that even when we break our covenant and promises to GOD, He gives us a second chance to do His will.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Sampson asked for one more chance. Sometimes if in trouble, we may have to pray; please God, forgive me once again.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Dagon: Dagon was characterized as the chief god of the Philistines. God has said “thou shalt have no other gods before me.” The children of God are to worship the true and living God and him only shall they serve.
2. Philistine: The ancient Philistines lived in the land of Canaan before Moses and the Israelites claimed it as their promised land from God.
3. Pin of the beam with web: A fastener with a sharp metal point designed to pierce the things it is fastening. Samson told Delilah that this would take away his strength. It was not the truth.
4. Nazarite: A member of a Jewish religious group in biblical times whose members made various vows of abstinence, including a vow not to drink wine or cut their hair. Samson was born a Nazarite for God’s purpose. His mother was given these instructions before Samson was born.
5. Withs: Cords or ropes used for binding. This was another untruth Samson told his wife that would take away his strength.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Samson was born with extraordinary strength. He had fought and killed many Philistines who were rulers over the children of Israel. He married a woman of the Philistines whose name was Delilah.
What was his purpose?
2. The Philistines were pressing her to discover the source of Samson’s strength. Name her tactics that she used to get this information. Has someone used different methods to get your involvement in something you shouldn’t do? How did you handle it?
3. Samson gave Delilah and the Philistines, who were anxious to kill him, many false responses.
What caused him to finally tell her the real source of his strength? What do you think this revealed about Samson?
4. What do you suggest that could have been his response rather than disobeying God?
Compare and contrast the various responses from the class.
5. Samson prayed for God to restore his strength so he could avenge the loss of his eyes.

How did he use this second chance? Have you asked for a second chance for any reason? How did you use it?

6. When we disobey God, what should our immediate action entail?
Do you forgive others when they offend you?

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

LESSON 11

OCTOBER 13, 2024

I AM SORRY GOD, AGAIN

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 38:18 For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin.

ENTIRE LESSON: Psalm 38:1-19

1. O LORD, rebuke me not in thy wrath: neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.
2. For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me sore.
3. *There is* no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger; neither *is there any* rest in my bones because of my sin.
4. For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as an heavy burden they are too heavy for me.
5. My wounds stink *and* are corrupt because of my foolishness.
6. I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long.
7. For my loins are filled with a loathsome *disease*: and *there is* no soundness in my flesh.
8. I am feeble and sore broken: I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart.
9. Lord, all my desire *is* before thee; and my groaning is not hid from thee.
10. My heart panteth, my strength faileth me: as for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.
11. My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my sore; and my kinsmen stand afar off.
12. They also that seek after my life lay snares *for me*: and they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things, and imagine deceits all the day long.
13. But I, as a deaf *man*, heard not; and *I was* as a dumb man *that* openeth not his mouth.
14. Thus I was as a man that heareth not, and in whose mouth *are* no reproofs.
15. For in thee, O LORD, do I hope: thou wilt hear, O Lord my God.
16. For I said, *Hear me*, lest *otherwise* they should rejoice over me: when my foot slippeth, they magnify *themselves* against me.
17. For I *am* ready to halt, and my sorrow *is* continually before me.
18. For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin.
19. But mine enemies *are* lively, *and* they are strong: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

PURPOSE - To say to God that we are sorry, to confess our sins; to ask God for forgiveness.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - We must be like God; swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath. James 1:19

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Aloof - to distant yourself from someone physically or emotionally
2. Iniquity - sin, wicked act, willful wrong doing
3. Kinsmen - relative, someone that you're related to
4. Loathsome - disgusting, abominable, awful, horrible
5. Sorry - to feel remorse, a feeling of regret, to feel sympathy or concern

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

We should always quickly apologize to our heavenly Father who watches our every action and is hurt when we sin in His presence. We should swiftly say sorry to those we have mistreated in any way. When you apologize to someone hastily it defuses animosity and resentment. All of us want to be loved and respected, and it shows love, compassion and thoughtfulness when you sincerely apologize to someone for a wrongful act you committed against them.

Whenever anyone humbles themselves to say they're sorry, gladly accept their apology and let the incident remain in the past. Discuss how would you feel if someone refuses to say they're sorry for hurting you? How do you think our holy heavenly Father feels when we live unholy before His presence?

MEMORY VERSE: Revelation 21:4 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.

LESSON 12

OCTOBER 20, 2024

COME SEE THE MARVELOUS WORKS OF GOD

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 111:2 The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

ENTIRE LESSON: Exodus 14:21-31

21. And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.
22. And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground, and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand and on their left.
23. And the Egyptians pursued and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

24. And it came to pass that in the morning watch the Lord looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud and troubled the host of the Egyptians,
25. And took off their chariot wheels that they drave them heavily, so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel, for the Lord fighteth for them against the Egyptians.
26. And the Lord said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and upon their horsemen.
27. And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its strength when the morning appeared, and the Egyptians fled against it, and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.
28. And the waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them.
29. But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea, and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand and on their left.
30. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the seashore.
31. And Israel saw that great work which the Lord did upon the Egyptians, and the people feared the Lord and believed the Lord and his servant Moses.

PURPOSE - To examine the marvelous works of God displayed at the parting of the Red Sea, emphasizing his deliverance and the response of awe and belief from the Israelites.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Encourage believers to reflect on the great works of God in their lives, fostering a deep sense of awe, gratitude, and unwavering belief in his power to deliver. If God delivered his people before he can do it again and again and again. He is all powerful. He is the almighty God.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Flee - To run away, to pass away swiftly, retreat.
2. Marvelous - Astonishing, miraculous, awesome, splendid.
3. Overthrew - Overturn, defeat, bring down.
4. Pillar - A solid mass, usually an ornamental column or shaft.
5. Pursue - Follow to overtake, to go after intensely.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

If we look around, we can see the marvelous works of God all around us; the wonderful sunrise and sunset, the majestic snow-capped mountains, the beautiful carefree birds in flight, the powerful waves of the spacious ocean, and the snowfall covering everything in a pure white blanket, the roaring clapping of thunder, and the miracle birth of a newborn child, just to name a few.

How can we not believe in God when he is constantly revealing his miracles all around us and within us. There are so many testimonies of people who have first-hand experience of God's marvelous works wrought in their lives. How many marvelous works have God performed in your life?

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 111:2 The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

THEME II

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and
am known of mine...And other sheep I have, which
are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall
hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.
John 10:14, 16

LESSONS 13 - 27

LESSON 13

OCTOBER 27, 2024

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY

LEARNING TO HAVE SELF CONTROL

MOTTO TEXT: Proverbs 25:28 He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.

ENTIRE LESSON: Galatians 5:22-23; Proverbs 16:32; Titus 2:11-12
Galatians 5:22-23

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

Proverbs 16:32

32. He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

Titus 2:11-12

11. For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,
12. Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.

PURPOSE - To highlight the importance of developing self-control as a fruit of the Spirit. There are many benefits of temperance in one's life.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Encourage believers to seek God's divine help in cultivating self-control, embracing the transformation that comes from denying ungodliness and living a life marked by Godly virtues.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Cultivating - to improve or develop something, usually by study or education.
2. Grace - the infinite love, mercy, favor, and goodwill shown to humankind by God.
3. Lusts - great eagerness or enthusiasm for something that is evil.
4. Slow to anger - not eager to lose control of one's action.
5. Temperance - self-restraint in the face of temptation or desire.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. God is love. We who have God on the inside have love.
Discuss how God's love rules your behavior.

2. There are nine **fruit** of the Spirit.
Why do you think the word **fruit** is used rather than **fruits**? Do you believe we can have one or two parts of the fruit and not the other parts? Explain your answers.
3. Self-control is being able to do what is right even in the midst of being angry or feeling out of patience. The key to being angry and sin not is to hate the sin but love the sinner. Jesus never condoned the sin but he forgave the sinner for the sin. We must follow Jesus.
4. God's love for mankind was so great that he gave his only begotten Son to atone for the sins of the whole wide world. If God, who created man, blessed him with all things, loved so much to cause his only son to suffer as Jesus did, we should willingly forgive debts of others, because of our love for God and his son, Jesus. Have you considered this?
5. Our God is holy and our desire should be to live holy like him. Let's put on righteousness, forgiveness, humility, and above all love. It will help us to always control our behavior, our speech, our obedience and faithfulness to God.

MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 25:28 He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.

LESSON 14

NOVEMBER 3, 2024

THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH

MOTTO TEXT: John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

ENTIRE LESSON: John 1:1-23

1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God
2. The same was in the beginning with God.
3. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.
4. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
5. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.
6. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
7. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.
8. He was not that Light but was sent to bear witness of that Light.
9. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.
10. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.
11. He came unto his own, and his own received him not.
12. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

13. Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
14. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
15. John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, this was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.
16. And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.
17. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.
18. No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.
19. And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?
20. And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ.
21. And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.
22. Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?
23. He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias.

PURPOSE - To declare that in the beginning the Word was with God and the Word was God.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - There are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. 1 John 5:7

GLOSSARY / COMMENTARY

1. Light – The natural agent that stimulates sight and makes things visible; the brightness that let you see things; illumination. (Jesus is the true light, one that illuminates and reveals. It is a contrast from darkness).
2. Manifest – To clearly reveal something through signs or actions.
3. Record – A testimony: evidence, constituting recorded events or known facts.
4. Witness – Knowledge gained from personal experience or eyewitness account.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. What are the benefits of being made by the Word?
Class Discussion
2. We must allow The Word (who is Jesus) to make us. We can be in the world, but not of the world.
Choose ways that are relevant for God's Word to be made flesh in you.
3. If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (2 Corinthians 5:17)
4. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 2:5) But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. (1 John 2:5)
5. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked. (1 John 2:6)
6. For we are members of his body, of his flesh and of his bones. (Ephesians 5:30)

7. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may administer grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. (Ephesians 4:29-30)
8. What words are being manifested in you?
Death and life are in the power of the tongue. (Proverbs 18:21)
9. Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.
True ____ False ____
10. According to verse 23 of today's lesson, are you willing to be a voice of one crying in the wilderness, making straight the way of the Lord? In what ways are you able to cry out?
Class Discussion.
11. Fill in the blanks: And the _____ was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his _____, the glory as the only _____ of the Father,) full of _____ and _____ (John 1:14).

MEMORY VERSE: 1 John 1:2 For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;

LESSON 15

NOVEMBER 10, 2024

A MAN NAMED JESUS

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 1:18-25

18. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.
19. Then Joseph, her husband, being a just man and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.
20. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.
21. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS, for he shall save his people from their sins.
22. Now all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,
23. Behold, a virgin shall be with child and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.
24. Then Joseph, being raised from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him and took unto him his wife,

25. And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son, and he called his name JESUS.

PURPOSE - To understand the significance of the birth of Jesus, exploring the divine message conveyed through His name and the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Encourage believers to recognize and embrace the message of Jesus, understanding its purpose in bringing salvation to humanity.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Bidden - To issue an order to someone by right or authority.
2. Conceived - To become pregnant.
3. Espoused - Married; to betroth.
4. Just - Morally upright, conforming to a standard of correctness.
5. Virgin - A person who has never had sexual relations, innocent.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

We all should know the man named Jesus who is the one and only man ever born of a virgin. He is the one and only son of the living God. Jesus is the one and only one qualified and without sin, to be offered as a sacrificial lamb to save mankind from sin and eternal damnation. He is the one and only one to be born, crucified, died, buried, raised from the dead to live and never die again. Jesus is the one and only name that is above every other name, the name that every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

LESSON 16

NOVEMBER 17, 2024

JESUS CHRIST IS THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 16:13-20

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.

PURPOSE - To affirm the divine identity of Jesus Christ as the Son of the living God, emphasizing Peter's confession and Jesus' declaration of building his church upon a solid foundation.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Encourage believers to make a personal confession of Jesus as the Son of the living God.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Affirm: To declare positively that something is true.
2. Caesarea Philippi: The sight of an ancient spring in Northern Israel.
3. Coasts: Land beside the sea.
4. Keys of the kingdom of heaven: The truth to unlock the knowledge and understanding of what is holy and what is unholy.
5. Prevail: To prove to be stronger and in the position of greater influence and power.
6. Rock: A stable, dependable, or supportive person or thing, especially in times of trouble.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. God sent his only begotten Son to reconcile mankind back to him. Jesus asked his disciples who the people were saying he was. Some had various names for him. Talk about the fact that none of the people thought he was God's son. Are you convinced that God did in fact send his Son to die for the sins of man?
2. When Jesus inquired of his disciples as to who they said he was, which disciple spoke up? How convincing was his answer? Demonstrate the scenario.
3. Jesus said that flesh and blood did not reveal who he was to the disciple who answered. What in your mind is meant by this statement? Class discussion
4. Why do you believe Jesus didn't want the disciples to tell others that he was the Christ, the Son of the Living God? Do you believe that if he had been widely accepted as the Son of God, the people would have crucified him? Let's hear your responses.
5. God, the Holy Ghost leads us into all truth. Christ's church is built on the truth (Jesus). No man can come to God except through his Son, Jesus. Are you prepared to boldly stand and affirm to any unbeliever that Jesus is indeed the Christ, the Son of the Living God? God is alive and real, Jesus is the Christ and is real and the Holy Ghost is God's Spirit and is real.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

THANKSGIVING LESSON

REAL JOY IN THE HOLY GHOST

MOTTO TEXT: Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

ENTIRE LESSON: Luke 15:4-24

4. What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?
5. And when he hath found *it*, he layeth *it* on his shoulders, rejoicing.
6. And when he cometh home, he calleth together *his* friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.
7. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.
8. Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find *it*?
9. And when she hath found *it*, she calleth *her* friends and *her* neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.
10. Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.
11. And he said, A certain man had two sons:
12. And the younger of them said to *his* father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth *to me*. And he divided unto them *his* living.
13. And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.
14. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.
15. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.
16. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.
17. And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!
18. I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,
19. And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.
20. And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.
21. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.
22. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put *it* on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on *his* feet:
23. And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill *it*; and let us eat, and be merry:

24. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

PURPOSE - To find real joy by continuing to love one another, even our enemies, in spite of hardships that are a part of our daily lives.

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

GLOSSARY / COMMENTARY

1. Compassion - Have mercy, to be gentle, to show concern, to have pity or sympathy.
2. Fain - Gladly, pleased or willing under circumstances.
3. Famine - Extreme scarcity of food usually due to droughts. Famine is one of the scourges that God sent to chastise men for their wickedness.
4. Husk - Dry outer covering of some fruits, seeds or leftover food scraps.
5. Riotous - Wastefulness, public disorder, wild and uncontrolled behavior,
6. Swine - A pig.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. What is the kingdom of God?
See the Motto Text.
2. What are some ways you can have Joy in the Holy Ghost?
You can experience joy by living righteous, enjoying peace of mind, loving and giving to others, and allowing the Holy Ghost to lead and guide your life.
3. If heaven rejoices over a sinner that repents, should not we rejoice as well?
We all have good reason to rejoice over a repented sinner because he or she is saved from sin, saved from hell, saved from damnation, and safe in the will of God!
4. Discuss how you felt and explain your reaction when you found something valuable that was lost?
5. Why did the prodigal son return home?
The son returned home when he realized life was so much better with his father. Apart from his father he was starving, but he never starved in his father's house. Apart from his father he was abused and unloved, but he never went unloved in his father's presence. Apart from his father he lost everything he had, but he had more than enough in his father's house.

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Peter 1:8-9 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, *even* the salvation of *your* souls.

JESUS IS THE WAY OUT OF YOUR DILEMMA

MOTTO TEXT: 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.

ENTIRE LESSON: John 14:1-21

1. Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.
2. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
3. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.
4. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.
5. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?
6. Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.
7. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him and have seen him.
8. Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.
9. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?
10. Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.
11. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.
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 forever;
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.

PURPOSE - To show that Jesus is the way out of all our troubles. He is the answer for all our dilemmas.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Be of good cheer; because Jesus have overcome the world, we can also overcome the world.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Affliction – Something that causes pain or suffering; trouble.
2. Commandment – A divine rule to be observed.
3. Dilemma – A difficult situation or problem.
4. Err – To make a mistake.
5. Troubled – Showing distress or conflict; having problems or conflict.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Have you ever experienced a dilemma where you were absolutely sure that it was only Jesus that brought you out?

Class Discussion

2. Jesus is the way out of all our troubles, and he is the answer for all our dilemmas.
True ___ False ___

3. Explain Psalm 34:19, Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

Class Discussion

4. In today's lesson, who did Jesus refer to when he said, "And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever."
(John 14:16)

Class Discussion

MEMORY VERSE: Isaiah 35:8 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*.

LESSON 19

DECEMBER 8, 2024

READY OR NOT JESUS IS COMING BACK

MOTTO TEXT: Revelation 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 24:36-51

36. But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.
37. But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.
38. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark,
39. And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.
40. Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

41. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
42. Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.
43. 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.
44. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.
45. Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?
46. Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.
47. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.
48. But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;
49. And shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;
50. The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,
51. And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

PURPOSE - To instill a sense of urgency and preparedness for the Second Coming of Jesus, emphasizing the unpredictability of his return. No man knows the day or hour.

PRACTICAL POINT - Encourage believers to live with vigilance, maintaining a faithful and wise servant's mindset, and actively serving others while eagerly awaiting the return of Christ.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. According: To give somebody or something a particular status or treatment. Every man will receive pay from Jesus for the work/s he has done good or evil.
2. Asunder: Apart, in halves, in pieces. An evil servant, who says that the Lord has delayed his return, will be cut asunder and cast out with the hypocrites.
3. Gnashing: To grind your teeth together, especially in pain, anger, or frustration. There will be grinding and gnashing of teeth in the portion for the evil doers and those who are liars.
4. Smite: To hit somebody or something with a hard blow. There will be a reward for the faithful and wise servant, but the Lord will smite all who are evil and unjust who eat and drink with the drunken.
5. Suffer: To allow something to happen or to be done. The goodman of the house would not allow his house to be robbed if he knew when the thief was coming. But he is watchful so that he is not caught unawares. We must exercise the same caution because whether we are ready or not ready, Jesus will return.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. God is the only one who knows when Jesus will come again.
How does this information cause you to feel? Are you preparing? If so, how?
Answer Individually
2. Do your parents purchase burglar alarms, put up security doors and windows for protection against robbers? How do they make their selections? Should you take the same kind of selective choices to prepare for the day of reckoning?

Class discussion and compare your choices.

3. Jesus said that he would bring his reward with him so that every man will receive pay for his work. How concerned are you about your pay? Do you keep in mind that you will receive pay for your work for the Lord? Be sure to work diligently for God because he is not unrighteous to forget your labor of love that you do for his name.
4. The faithful, wise and just servant will be welcomed and said to be faithful over a few things and will be elevated to a higher status in the Lord. This should give us greater incentive to do as much as we can for the up-building of God's kingdom.
Discuss some things to do that will build God's kingdom.
5. As children, we may have played hide and seek, saying, ready or not here I come. The Word of God is saying to us today, "Ready or not, Jesus is coming back!"

MEMORY VERSE: Revelation 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

LESSON 20

DECEMBER 15, 2024

LIVING FOR JESUS

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

ENTIRE LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

1. Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.
2. For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.
3. For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:
4. That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;
5. Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:
6. That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.
7. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.
8. He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.
9. But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.
10. And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more;

11. And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;
12. That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.

PURPOSE - To show that we shall worship Jesus, for He is Lord to the glory of God the Father, and him only shall we serve.

PRACTICAL POINT - If we are to live for Jesus, we must study to show ourselves approved unto God, workman that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Abound - grow, increase, profit.
2. Abstain - stay away from; not practice; avoid.
3. Avenger - protector; one who takes care of; stands guard for another.
4. Beseech - beg; request; ask earnestly.
5. Concupiscence - evil sexual desire resulting from lust.
6. Exhort - to urge; strongly encourage.
7. Fornication - sexual intercourse between people not married to each other.
8. Sanctification - cleanliness; without sin; pure state.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. How can we show our love for Jesus?
Serve the Lord with a clean heart daily.
2. Does God give us a choice as to whom we will serve?
Yes, we can choose to serve God or Satan by the life we live.
3. What was Joshua's choice?
Joshua and his family chose to worship God.
4. How are we rewarded when we choose God over Satan?
We abound more and more when we choose God over Satan.
5. According to verse 3, from what are we told to abstain?
We are told to abstain from fornication.
6. Compare the behaviors of the Gentiles with that of those who know God.
The Gentiles have lust and are dishonest with their brethren. God's people abstain from sin and keep their actions sanctified as followers of Christ.
7. Does the scripture teach us to take care of our own affairs?
Yes, quote verse 11 of today's lesson.

MEMORY VERSE: John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

CHRISTMAS LESSON OUT OF EGYPT HAVE I CALLED MY SON

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 2:14-15 When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night and departed into Egypt: 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.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 2:1-15

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

PURPOSE - To remind us that God the Father called his son, Jesus, out of Egypt to be the Savior of the world.

PRACTICAL POINT - Israel broke her covenant with God. Words matter. Keep your vows and promises to God.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

The wise men were on a journey of worship, and obedience. We see three wise men traveling to find the baby Jesus. They saw the star in the east and followed it, until it stood over where the young child was. They traveled thousands of miles to see the king of the Jews and when they found him, they responded with great joy and worship. They opened their treasures and presented unto him gifts, gold, frankincense, and myrrh. God told the wise men not to return home the way they came, knowing that King Herod did not intend to worship Jesus but planned to kill the young child. Joseph and his family had to flee to Egypt. They remained in Egypt 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.*

1. Diligently – steady, earnest, and energetic effort.
2. Frankincense – a dried resin from trees of *Boswellia* used in perfumes and incense for thousands of years.
3. Myrrh – a yellow, fragrant, sap-like resin that comes out of cuts in the bark of certain commiphora trees.
4. Prophet – a person regarded as an inspired teacher or proclaimer of the will of God.
5. Flee – run away from a place or situation of danger.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Out of Egypt have I called my Son. God fulfills his purpose of calling a son out of Egypt when he calls his own, son, who is begotten from the Holy Ghost, out of Egypt.
Class Discussion
2. The wise men that came from the East, what question did they ask?
 - a. Where is the young child?
 - b. Where is he that was born of the Jews?
 - c. Where can we find the child?
3. What were the wise men there to do?
 - a. To worship the young child.
 - b. To take the young child to Herod.
 - c. To praise and sing songs of Zion.
4. God warned the wise men in a dream, they should not return to Herod.
True ___ False ___
5. And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared 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.
Have you ever had an angel experience?
6. What was the significance of the star in the East?
Class discussion
7. Did Herod want to worship the baby Jesus or was it a scheme?

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Corinthians 2:14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

THE POWER OF THE HOLY GHOST

MOTTO TEXT: Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

ENTIRE LESSON: Acts 2:1-21

1. And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
2. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.
3. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.
4. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
5. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.
6. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.
7. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans?
8. And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?
9. Parthians and Medes and Elamites and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea and Cappadocia, in Pontus and Asia,
10. Phrygia and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,
11. Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.
12. And they were all amazed and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?
13. Others, mocking, said, These men are full of new wine.
14. But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words.
15. For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.
16. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel:
17. And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.
18. And on my servants and on my handmaidens, I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.
19. And I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood and fire and vapour of smoke.
20. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come.

21. And it shall come to pass that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

PURPOSE - To explore the amazing power of the Holy Ghost as experienced on the day of Pentecost, emphasizing its role in equipping believers for witness and spiritual works.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Encourage believers to seek and embrace the power of the Holy Ghost in their lives, enabling them to be effective witnesses. Encourage non-believers to “try Jesus.” He’s alright!

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Cloven: Split or divided into two parts. The Holy Ghost brought cloven tongues like as of fire. God’s Spirit manifests himself when he inhabits the believer.
2. Confound: Confuses, amazes, baffles. The men who witnessed the working of the Holy Ghost were confounded by what they saw.
3. Devout: Serious, religious, committed. There were devout men among the witnesses. They are those who are given recognition and praises for being such persons.
4. Pentecost: A Christian festival that commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, or the day on which it is celebrated.
5. Proselytes: A new convert to a religious faith or political doctrine. There were proselytes among those who witnessed the outpouring of the Holy Ghost.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Jesus gave his disciples a command to go to Jerusalem and wait for the promise of the Father.
If the disciples had not obeyed Jesus, what do you think would have happened? Is it important to obey when you’re seeking for the Holy Ghost?
2. The lesson tells us that they were all in one place with one accord.
What has to happen for all to be with one accord? Talk about any service you’ve been a part of when the saints were with one accord.
3. What caused the men of many nations to be confounded by what they saw? God’s miraculous power is demonstrated in those who receive his Spirit. Name some of the signs that follow believers that show the power of the Holy Ghost.
4. The prophet Joel prophesied many years before the disciples and others were saved on the day of Pentecost.
What was the prophesy and from whom did it come?
5. Are you able to witness to others that all mankind needs to repent and receive God’s Spirit? Have you ever engaged in conversation with an unbeliever that the Holy Ghost is real? Relate your experience with the group.

MEMORY VERSE: Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

NEW YEARS LESSON GOD'S BLESSINGS ARE COMING

MOTTO TEXT: Malachi 3:10 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.

ENTIRE LESSON: Deuteronomy 28:1-14; Malachi 3:6-12; Psalm 1:1-3

Deuteronomy 28:1-14

1. And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:
2. And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God.
3. Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.
4. Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.
5. Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.
6. Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.
7. The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.
8. The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.
9. The Lord shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, and walk in his ways.
10. And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the Lord; and they shall be afraid of thee.
11. And the Lord shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers to give thee.
12. The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.
13. And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:
14. And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

Malachi 3:6-12

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.

Psalm 1:1-3

1. Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
2. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.
3. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

PURPOSE - To explore the biblical promises of God's blessings for obedience, focusing on key passages that highlight the relationship between faithfulness, tithing, and divine blessings.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Encourage believers to trust in God's promises, express faithfulness in tithing, and align their lives with His principles to receive abundant blessings.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Blessings – God’s favor and protection.
2. Hearken – To listen; to take heed.
3. Obedience – The act or practice of obeying; being dutiful or submissive to; compliance.
4. Prosperity – The state of being prosperous; the condition of being successful or thriving.
5. Trust – To believe that someone is good and honest and will not harm you, or that something is reliable and safe.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Do you believe and know that God’s blessings are coming to you in this New Year?
Answer individually and share with the class.
2. Fill in the Blanks: “Bring ye all the _____ into the _____, that there may be meat in mine house, and _____ me now herewith, saith the _____

of _____, if I will not open you the _____ of _____, and pour you out a _____, that there shall not be room enough to receive it” (Malachi 3:10).

3. Who is the giver of all blessings?
God is the giver of all blessings.
4. What are some of the blessings of obedience according to Deuteronomy 28:1-14?
Read and study Deuteronomy 28:1-14, explain and discuss as a class.
5. We should only bring “some” of the tithes into the storehouse.
True ___ False ___ Read and study Malachi 3:10.

MEMORY VERSE: Malachi 3:10 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.

LESSON 24

JANUARY 12, 2025

WE ARE QUICKENED BY THE HOLY GHOST

MOTTO TEXT: Ephesians 2:1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins.

ENTIRE LESSON: Ephesians 2:1-10

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

PURPOSE - To show that through the powers of Jesus Christ we receive life. It is the Holy Ghost that quickens. 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.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Being born again; put off the old man. Being made free from sin, walk in the newness of life.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Quicken – To give life or to make alive.
2. Sin – An immoral act considered to be a transgression against God’s divine law.
3. Trespass – To commit an offense against; to sin.
4. Workmanship – The degree of skill with which something is made; something made or produced.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. What does the word “quicken” mean in today’s lesson?
Quicken means to give life or to make alive.
2. The Holy Ghost is a quickening power.
True ___ False ___
3. The Word of God is quick and powerful.
True ___ False ___
4. Have you been quickened by the Holy Ghost?
Answer Individually
5. What does it mean to be dead in trespasses and sins?
Class Discussion
6. Fill in the blanks: “But _____, who is rich in _____, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were _____ in sins, hath _____ us together with _____, (by grace ye are saved;)” (Refer to Entire Lesson).

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.

LESSON 25

JANUARY 19, 2025

A HOLY GHOST FILLED CHURCH: LORD FILL THIS HOUSE

MOTTO TEXT: Acts 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

ENTIRE LESSON: Acts 2:36-47

36. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.
37. Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?
38. Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.
40. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.
41. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.
42. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.
43. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.
44. And all that believed were together, and had all things common;
45. And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need
46. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,
47. Praising God, and having favors with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

PURPOSE - To pray that the Lord would anoint his people with the Holy Ghost and that his Holy Spirit will fill the House of God everywhere.

PRACTICAL POINT - Acts 2:38 Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

Jesus said, in Luke 14:23, "Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." Jesus was the promised Messiah they were looking for, but the religious leaders rejected, alienated, ridiculed, and crucified Him. God hath made that same Jesus, whom they have crucified, both Lord and Christ. When Israel heard the truth, their hearts were pricked by the word of God. They felt sorrow and remorse because the Jews as a people and a nation, had crucified their Lord, Jesus Christ.

They asked Peter, "What shall we do?" Peter said unto them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." (Acts 2:38) Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. Youth, you too can assist with filling God's house, start by sharing your testimony with your peers. Let them know you are delivered and filled with the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

1. Assuredly – confidently, used to express the speaker's certainty that something is true.
2. Ridicule – to laugh at someone in an unkind way.
3. Condemned – sentenced to a particular punishment, especially death.
4. Forgiveness – an intentional decision to let go of resentment and anger.
5. Defeated – to win victory over.
6. Pricked - a heart that has been humbled, to see oneself guilty.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Those who gladly received the word were baptized.
True ____ False ____

2. God made that same Jesus whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.
True ____ False ____
3. Peter testified and exhorted with many other words telling them to save themselves from what?
Class discussion
4. After Peter spoke of receiving the Holy Ghost, how many people were added unto them?
Answer individually
5. The new converts did something for all men that had need. What have you done after you received the Holy Ghost to help someone in need?
Class discussion
6. When was the last time you witnessed to a friend, someone in need, someone feeling sad, someone washed in tears, someone not knowing which way to turn, or did you walk away?
Class discussion

MEMORY VERSE: Mark 16:17-18 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 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.

LESSON 26

JANUARY 26, 2025

THE LORD ADDED TO THE CHURCH DAILY

MOTTO TEXT: Acts 2:47 Praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

ENTIRE LESSON: Acts 2:41-47

41. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized, and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.
42. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship and in breaking of bread and in prayers.
43. And fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.
44. And all that believed were together and had all things common,
45. And sold their possessions and goods and parted them to all men, as every man had need.
46. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,
47. Praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

PURPOSE – To explore the early Christian community in Acts 2, highlighting the Lord's role in adding to the church daily and the key aspects of their fellowship and devotion.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION – Encourage believers to prioritize fellowship, the apostles' doctrine, breaking of bread, and prayers, which fosters a spirit of unity and devotion in the Church.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. **Aspect:** Characteristic, feature, viewpoint or trait. The listeners who received Peter's words on the day of Pentecost were added to the church.
2. **Common:** Shared, mutual, collective or joint. The saints had all things common as they shared their possessions one with another.
3. **Doctrine:** Policy, rule, set of guidelines or teachings. The House of God teaches and firmly believes that Jesus is the only begotten Son of God.
4. **Favor:** Approved, support or liking for someone or something. The apostles taught the people about Jesus and they found favor among them and they broke bread together.
5. **Steadfastly:** In a resolute or dutifully firm and unwavering manner. There was a steadfast commitment to the apostles' doctrine by those who were added to the church.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. There were considerable comments made following the out-pouring of the Holy Ghost by those who witnessed it. Peter began to preach to them about what they saw. About three thousand of them received his teaching and were added to the church. When we take the gospel to the world explaining or witnessing, who knows the number of them that may come to the Lord? We must go!
2. Some people may not believe our witness, but they cannot refute the Word of God. We must stand on God's Word. Our responsibility is to witness; it is God that gives the increase.
3. Those that were added to the church desired that no one would go lacking so they brought of their possessions to the apostles to be distributed to those who were in need.
4. They all praised God and broke bread daily.
How often do you give thanks and praises to God for your blessings? Do you wait to be in church services or do you glorify him daily?
5. The actions of the church showed love and unity. God's people should follow that example. Perhaps more unbelievers will have transformed minds if they are shown such lovingkindness.
Are you doing your part?

MEMORY VERSE: **Acts 2:47** Praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

IF A MAN DIES, SHALL HE LIVE AGAIN?

MOTTO TEXT: Job 14:14 If a man die, shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

ENTIRE LESSON: Job 14:1-15

1. Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble.
2. He cometh forth like a flower and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow and continueth not.
3. And doth thou open thine eyes upon such a one and bringest me into judgment with thee?
4. Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? Not one.
5. Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with thee; thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass.
6. Turn from him, that he may rest till he shall accomplish, as a hireling, his day.
7. For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease.
8. Though the root thereof wax old in the earth and the stock thereof die in the ground,
9. Yet through the scent of water it will bud and bring forth boughs like a plant.
10. But man dieth and wasteth away; yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?
11. As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up,
12. So man lieth down and riseth not; till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake nor be raised out of their sleep.
13. O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time and remember me!
14. If a man die, shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.
15. Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee; thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands.

PURPOSE - To explore Job's life, death, and the hope of resurrection.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Encourage believers to ponder the mystery of life after death and find comfort in the hope of resurrection through Jesus Christ.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. **Bounds:** Limit or, confine in a specific amount of space/area. God has limits that his people must adhere to. He wants us to come out of the world and be separate.
2. **Hireling:** A person hired to work for a limited amount of time. God's children are hired to take the gospel into all the world.
3. **Inevitable:** Predictable,, certain inescapable, preordained, or predestined happening. Trials and tribulations will come to those who are committed to the work of the Lord. We must expect them, because they are inevitable.
4. **Ponder:** To consider, contemplate, think about, wonder about, or to meditate upon. Mary, the mother of Jesus pondered the works she observed from Jesus. She kept them in her heart.

5. Wax: To grow, to become, or start to be. Mankind will grow old. The Bible says, I once was young and now I am old, but I've never seen the righteous forsaken neither his seed begging bread. Even though this body will grow old, we know that the Lord will take care of it.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Job was an upright and perfect man who loved God and hated evil. Satan desired to kill, steal and destroy Job.
How do you think Job felt about all that Satan did to him? Discuss and share your thoughts.
2. There may be times in life that trials and tribulations become so fierce that you think you can't stand anymore.
Share some ways to help yourself to overcome these feelings.
3. Job trusted God and kept his faith even though he may have felt discouraged because of his sufferings. Read through the lesson and discuss Job mentioning about a tree that is cut down, v.7-9. What does this mean to you?
4. In verse 13 Job talks about death.
What is his request? How would you support someone who feels this way? As a believer we know that doubt looks at circumstances but faith looks at God. Always look up because God has promised to never forsake or leave us. Share your comments with the class.
5. There are two deaths that are experienced. A natural death and a spiritual death. We die naturally and are buried, we also die spiritually when we are forgiven of our sins and receive the Holy Ghost. We then are dead to sin and are crucified with Christ. Do you believe that if you die now to sin that you will live again? How do you believe this is possible? Do you have this hope in you?

MEMORY VERSE: Job 14:14 If a man die, shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

THEME III
LET US MAKE PROGRESS THROUGH EVANGELISM
And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways
and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.
Luke 14:23

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LESSON 28

FEBRUARY 9, 2025

FISHERS OF MEN

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 4:18-19 And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 4:12-25

12. Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee;
13. And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim:
14. That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying,
15. The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, *by* the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles;
16. The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.
17. From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
18. And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.
19. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.
20. And they straightway left *their* nets, and followed him.
21. And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James *the son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.
22. And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.
23. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.
24. And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.
25. And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and *from* Decapolis, and *from* Jerusalem, and *from* Judaea, and *from* beyond Jordan.

PURPOSE - To call disciples to follow him. These fisherman would no longer catch fish but rather would win souls for the kingdom of God.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - I am determined to follow Jesus. Luke 9:62 Jesus said, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

GLOSSARY / COMMENTARY

1. Fisherman - A person who catches fish for a living or for sport. The trade has always been an industry pursued by a large number of people in Palestine. They are exceedingly fond of fish and pay double to triple the price for it. Four of the twelve disciples were fisherman, however Jesus promised they all would become fishers of men.
2. Gospel - The good news. Glad tidings of the birth, death, burial, resurrection of Christ.
3. Kingdom - The territory or people over whom a king rules, denoting sovereignty, royal power, dominion. The Kingdom of God is the domain of God's rule which encompass all created intelligences, both in heaven and on earth.
4. Plough - Typically spelled "plow," is a large farming tool with one or more blades fixed in a frame, and two long handles held by human hands. It is drawn by an animal (usually an ox in those days) and used for cutting furrows in the soil and turning it over, especially to prepare for planting of seeds.
5. Repent - A deep remorse for sin and change from committing sin.
6. Synagogue - A place of religious gathering for prayer and teaching of scriptures.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Who is the Master Fisher of men?
Jesus is the Master Fisher of men who effectively taught his disciples how to fish for mankind. He said "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me." Still today, Jesus is fishing for men, women boys and girls to be saved from the sea of sin and death and receive the gift of eternal life.
2. In this lesson, who are the four fishermen that Jesus turned into fishers of men?
The four fishermen in this lesson that became fishers of men are Peter, Andrew, James and John.
3. What was the message that Jesus first began to preach?
See verse #17.
4. What else did Jesus do besides teaching and preaching the gospel?
See verse #23
5. Are you fishers of men?
Discuss how you can and become fishers of men for Jesus Christ.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 10:7-8 And as you go, preach, saying, the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely you have received, freely give.

EXCEPT YE REPENT, YOU SHALL ALL PERISH

MOTTO TEXT: Luke 13:3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

ENTIRE LESSON: Luke 13:1-35

1. There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.
2. And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things?
3. I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.
4. Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?
5. I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.
6. He spake also this parable; A certain *man* had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none.
7. Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?
8. And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung *it*:
9. And if it bear fruit, *well*: and if not, *then* after that thou shalt cut it down.
10. And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.
11. And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up *herself*.
12. And when Jesus saw her, he called *her to him*, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.
13. And he laid *his* hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.
14. And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.
15. The Lord then answered him, and said, *Thou* hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or *his* ass from the stall, and lead *him* away to watering?
16. And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?
17. And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.
18. Then said he, Unto what is the kingdom of God like? and whereunto shall I resemble it?
19. It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and cast into his garden; and it grew, and waxed a great tree; and the fowls of the air lodged in the branches of it.
20. And again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God?

21. It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.
22. And he went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem.
23. Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them,
24. Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.
25. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are:
26. Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets.
27. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.
28. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you *yourselves* thrust out.
29. And they shall come from the east, and *from* the west, and from the north, and *from* the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.
30. And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last.
31. The same day there came certain of the Pharisees, saying unto him, Get thee out, and depart hence: for Herod will kill thee.
32. And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow, and the third *day* I shall be perfected.
33. Nevertheless I must walk to day, and to morrow, and the *day* following: for it cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem.
34. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen *doth* gather her brood under *her* wings, and ye would not!
35. Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until *the time* come when ye shall say, Blessed *is* he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

PURPOSE: To emphasize the importance of being reconciled back to God through the baptism of repentance that we might escape the wages of sin.

PRACTICAL POINT: He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy. Proverbs 28:13

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Adversary: one's opponent in a contest, conflict or dispute. Our adversary is the devil. His purpose is to kill, steal and destroy all that God made, especially mankind.
2. Cumbereth: to render useless, to make vain. When we receive God's word and do not produce fruit, we're like a fruit tree (apple, orange, grapefruit, etc.) that is planted in the ground but no fruit grows on it. It's just taking up space.

3. Dung: manure of beast/man that can be used to fertilize the soil. Farmers use dung to assist growth. Many times when saints aren't fruitful in the Lord, it takes prayer, fasting and strength to become fertile.
4. Galatians: a nation of people who lived in Galatia, in northern Asia Minor. Some of them believed that we are saved by our works. Although it is important to have works, we are saved through faith in God and Jesus Christ.
5. Hypocrite: one who fails to practice what they preach/teach. A pretender. Jesus warned the disciples to beware of the hypocrites who work to be seen of men. Let us be sincere in our, praise, worship and works for the Lord.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Some followers of Jesus spoke to Him concerning some Galileans who had been killed by Pilate and how eighteen persons perished when a tower fell on them. Jesus replied to them if they thought these persons were greater sinners than other Galileans ?
Talk about what Jesus meant by this statement.
2. Will any of us not perish without repenting of our sins?
Students should acknowledge their thoughts.
3. Talk about the parable of the fig tree and relate it to your spiritual walk with the Lord.
4. Jesus healed a woman who had an infirmity for eighteen years. Some rulers were critical of Him for doing so on the Sabbath day.
Demonstrate how Jesus handled this situation.
5. Do you exercise your faith when you pray? What is the value of having faith as small as a mustard seed?

MEMORY VERSE: Zechariah 1:3 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.

LESSON 30

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

THE HEART OF MAN

MOTTO TEXT: Mark 7:21-23 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

ENTIRE LESSON: Mark 7:1-23

1. Then came together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, which came from Jerusalem.
2. And when they saw some of his disciples eat bread with defiled, that is to say, with unwashen, hands, they found fault.

3. For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders.
4. And when they come from the market, except they wash, they eat not. And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, as the washing of cups, and pots, brasen vessels, and of tables.
5. Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands?
6. He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.
7. Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.
8. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.
9. And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.
10. For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death:
11. But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, It is Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; he shall be free.
12. And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother;
13. Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.
14. And when he had called all the people unto him, he said unto them, Hearken unto me every one of you, and understand:
15. There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man.
16. If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.
17. And when he was entered into the house from the people, his disciples asked him concerning the parable.
18. And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him;
19. Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats?
20. And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man.
21. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,
22. Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:
23. All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

PURPOSE - To make clear that it takes a clean heart to know God. It is God, who gives us a new heart and takes away the stony heart out of our flesh,

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - As a man thinks in his heart, so is he. Proverbs 23:7

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Blasphemy - Speaking against God.
2. Defile - Spoil; ruin.

3. Draught - Toilet; sewer.
4. Heart - The central or innermost part of something.
5. Lasciviousness - Sexual desires; lustful.
6. Pharisee - Members of a religious group that followed the traditions of their fathers, not the Bible.
7. Proceed - Exit, come out of.
8. Scribes - A learned class in ancient Israel who served as professional copyists.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. What is "The Heart of Man"?
"The Heart of Man" is the spirit, or soul, not the physical organ.
2. Why is "The Heart of Man" evil?
Read the Motto Text from this lesson.
3. What did the Pharisee have against Jesus' disciples?
Jesus' disciples did not follow the tradition of washing hands.
4. What was Jesus' response to the Pharisees' criticism?
Jesus had called the Pharisees hypocrites, because they honored God with their lips, but not with their hearts.
5. Why is the Pharisee's religion in vain?
They focus on the traditions of their fathers, but reject the commandments of God.
6. Why does Jesus teach that what a person eats does not defile the person?
The evil that comes from within a person's heart defiles him. What is eaten passes through the body during digestion.

MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 20:9 Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?

LESSON 31

MARCH 2, 2025

YOUTH DAY UNDERSTANDING THE POWER OF GOD

MOTTO TEXT: Jeremiah 32:17 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.

ENTIRE LESSON: Psalm 139:1-16

1. O lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.
2. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.
3. Thou compassed 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.

PURPOSE - To explore the biblical examples of God's power in creation, deliverance, emphasizing the limitless nature of his power.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Encourage believers to trust in the power of God, acknowledging his ability to create, deliver, and sustain life in every circumstance.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Awesome – Extremely expressive; inspiring great admiration, apprehension, or fear.
2. Create – To bring something into existence.
3. Demonstrate – To clearly show the existence of truth of something by giving proof or evidence; to show how something works or is performed.
4. Power - The ability to do something; legal or official authority; might; strength; force.
5. Substance – The real physical matter of which a person or thing is made of which has a tangible, solid presence.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Is there anything too hard for God?
No, there isn't anything too hard for God. According to Jeremiah 32:17, 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.
2. Give examples of God's awesome power being demonstrated in the bible and in the world today.
Class Discussion
3. God created everything with his power.
True ___ False ___
4. Study and explain Psalm 139:13-16.
Class Discussion
5. Give an example of a time when you witnessed the awesome power of God demonstrated in your life.

MEMORY VERSE: Jeremiah 32:17 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.

LESSON 32

MARCH 9, 2025

GO

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

ENTIRE LESSON: Luke 14:12-24

12. Then said he also to him that bade him, when thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor *thy* rich neighbors; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee.
13. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind:
14. And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.
15. And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed *is* he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.
16. Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many:
17. And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready.
18. And they all with one *consent* began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.
19. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.
20. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.
21. So that servant came and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.
22. And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.
23. And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel *them* to come in, that my house may be filled.
24. For I say unto you, that none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

PURPOSE – To evangelize and fill God's house.

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

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Consent - to agree, voluntary agreement

2. Idle - unused, inactive
3. Maimed - serious physical injury, loss of a member of the body, lame, cripple
4. Recompence - to pay for, to compensate for a service rendered
5. Vineyard - field of planted grapevines

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

Here are reasons why we should go invite others into God's kingdom and not stand idle:

1. John 3:16 - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
2. Roman 5:8 - But God commended his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
3. Romans 6:23 - For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
4. Ephesians 2:8 - For by grace are we saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.
5. Discuss how we all can go and invite others to come into God's house.

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

LESSON 33

MARCH 16, 2025

THE END IS NEAR

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 24:1-14

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.

PURPOSE - To give warning to everyone that the end of all things is at hand: be therefore sober and watch unto prayer. 1 Peter 4:7

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Set your house in order. Be sober, and let brotherly love continue.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Covetousness – Desiring to have what belongs to someone else.
2. Deceive – Trick; deliberately mislead moral or spiritually.
3. Divers - Many, several, widespread, various.
4. Incontinent - Uncontrolled; not put in check; lack of control.
5. Perilous – Full of danger or risk.
6. Pestilences - Deadly and overwhelming diseases that affect entire communities.
7. Rumors - Talk; circulating story of doubtful or uncertain truth.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Can anyone on earth tell when the world will end?
No, only God knows.
2. Discuss how people will react before Jesus returns.
Refer to the Memory Verse.
3. Who is the teacher in today's lesson?
Jesus is teaching the lesson.
4. List some signs of end times.
Refer to verses 5-7 and 9-14.
5. What did Jesus warn about people claiming to be Christ?
He warned us to take heed and not be deceived.
6. What are some natural disasters that will happen before the world ends?
Refer to Verse 7.
7. According to Jesus, who shall be saved?
Refer to Verse 13.

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Timothy 3:1-5 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

I GAVE YOU SPACE TO REPENT, BUT YOU REPENTED NOT

MOTTO TEXT: Revelation 2:21-23 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. 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.

ENTIRE LESSON: Revelation 22:6-21

6. And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.
7. Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.
8. And I John saw these things and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.
9. Then saith he unto me, see thou do it not: for I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.
10. And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.
11. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.
12. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.
13. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning, and the end, the first and the last.
14. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.
15. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.
16. 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.
17. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that hearth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.
18. For I testify unto every man that hearth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:
19. And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.
20. He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.
21. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

PURPOSE - To show that God has given us time to repent and that the spirit of the Lord shall not always strive with man.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Except we repent of our evil deeds, we shall perish.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

- 1. Evil deeds – Actions that are intended to harm self or others; wickedness; sin.
- 2. Repent – To feel or express sincere regret or remorse about one’s wrongdoing or sin; to turn away from and change one’s mind or ways.
- 3. Testify – Give evidence as a witness; to make a statement based on personal experience or knowledge.
- 4. Space – To give someone time to do something; an interval of time.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

- 1. Fill in the blanks: “And I gave her _____ to _____ of her _____; and she repented not. Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit _____ with her into a great tribulation, except they _____ of their _____. And I will kill her children with death, and all the _____ shall know that I am he which searcheth the _____ and _____; and I will give unto every one of you according to your _____.” Revelation 2:21-23
- 2. It is time to clean up and get right with God. Do it now.
True ____ False ____
- 3. What are some of the things (sins) that we need to repent from?
Answer Individually and Discuss as a Class.
- 4. Have you repented from your sins and wrong doings, and fully committed yourself to the Lord?
Answer Individually
- 5. Who does the “I” refer to in the lesson text saying, “I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not?
The “I” in the lesson text saying “I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not, is Jesus.
- 6. Explain and discuss as a class Revelation 22:11, “He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.”

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

LESSON 35

MARCH 30, 2025

BOUGHT WITH A PRICE

MOTTO TEXT: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

ENTIRE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 6:1-20

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

PURPOSE - To show that Christ loved the church and gave himself for it.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Ephesians 5:1-2 Be followers of God, and walk in love, as Christ also has loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savor.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Temple of the Holy Ghost – the context of this astounding assertion pertains to the

- avoidance of sexual immorality.
2. Bought – the action of buying is completed in the past.
 3. Defrauded – trick or deceive someone.
 4. Fornication – sexual intercourse between people not married to each other.
 5. Harlot – old fashion word for prostitute, a woman who has sex for money.
 6. Expedient – convenient and practical although possibly improper or immoral.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

If you are a believer, one day you will judge the world and angels. You should be able to judge small disputes amongst yourselves. Paul is dealing with lawsuits among believers and with sexual immorality. Paul briefly reminds us that believers are not like those outside of the church. The wicked or unrighteous will not inherit God's Kingdom. We were bought with a price (*The Blood of Jesus*). Therefore, we are not our own, we are to use our bodies to glorify and honor God.

Topics for Discussion:

1. The unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God. (9-10)
2. The body is not for fornication but for the Lord. (13)
3. Flee fornication. (18)
4. Christ loved the Church and gave himself for it.
5. Name some ways to withstand the wiles of the devil., so you won't be guilty of defiling the temple of God. Answer individually.

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

LESSON 36

APRIL 6, 2025

LET THE WHEAT AND TARES GROW TOGETHER

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 13:30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Matthew 13:24-30

24. Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:
25. But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.
26. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.
27. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

28. He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?
29. But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.
30. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

Matthew 13:36-43

36. Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.
37. He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;
38. The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;
39. The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.
40. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.
41. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;
42. And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.
43. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

PURPOSE - To let the world know that Jesus will return to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. We can accept him and be saved or reject him and be lost. Jude 1:15

PRACTICAL POINT - There will be a mixture of wheat and tares until Jesus returns.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Harvest – The season for gathering agricultural crops, the act of gathering in a crop.
2. Householder – A person who occupies a house alone or as head of a household.
3. Parable – A short story that illustrates a moral attitude or a religious principle.
4. Tare – Weeds that resemble wheat, an undesirable element.
5. Wailing – To express sorrow audibly, the sound of crying and mourning.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

The wheat seed represents the children of the kingdom of God and the tare represents the children of the wicked one, namely Satan. Jesus makes it clear in this scripture that the wheat, who are the children of the kingdom, will dwell here on earth together with the tares, who are the children of the wicked one.

The harvest time will be the end of this world, when the angels of God will separate the wheat from the tares. The tares will be cast into the furnace of fire and burned and there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. The wheat shall be gathered together and shall shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their heavenly Father! As young men and women, chose to live the good life, serving the good and great God, as a good seed in the kingdom of

God, then at the end of this world you can be gathered with the saints of God who will be given a crown of righteousness and everlasting life!

MEMORY VERSE: Hebrews 9:27-28 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

LESSON 37

APRIL 13, 2025

PALM SUNDAY
BLESSED IS HE THAT COMETH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 21:9 And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 21:1-11

1. And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples,
2. Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me.
3. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.
4. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying,
5. Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.
6. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them,
7. And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon.
8. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way.
9. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.
10. And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?
11. And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

PURPOSE - To explore the significance of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, fulfilling prophecy and receiving acclamation as the promised Messiah.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Encourage believers to acknowledge Jesus as the King who brings salvation and to express praise and gratitude for his redemptive work.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Acclamation - cheering, praise, roar, a public and enthusiastic display of approval. The people of Jerusalem yelled and cheered loudly as Jesus rode through the city. We praise God with the voice of triumph praising him for Jesus, his great gift to mankind.
2. Hosanna - an expression of praise and adoration. Any kind of praise and adoration to God may be considered as Hosanna.
3. Significance - meaningful, worth, importance, the quality of having importance or being regarded as having great meaning. The importance of Jesus' ride through Jerusalem was the fulfillment of the prophecy.
4. Sion - another spelling of Zion. Jerusalem, in biblical times emblematic of the house or household of God and later by extension to the Jews and their religion.
5. Straightway - immediately, without delay; the disciples immediately found the colt and its foal that Jesus sent them to look for.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Jesus' ministry took him through many cities as he taught, healed and delivered people that he met. What was so special about his entry through Jerusalem? Refer to Zechariah 9:9 for the prophecy and engage in a class discussion.
2. The two disciples that were given instructions from Jesus went immediately into the city to do as they were told to do. What lesson do you learn from this example of being obedient without delay?
3. Of the different parades you have probably seen, how would you compare any one or more of them to the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem in today's lesson?
4. Talk about ways that we as believers can demonstrate that Jesus is an integral part of our lives?
5. Let us not limit our praises for the sacrifice that Jesus endured for our sins to the Easter service but there should be shouts of joy and acclamation daily for this great love and gift from God.
Are you committed to daily shouts of triumph or just seasonal?

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 21:9 And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

LESSON 38

APRIL 20, 2025

EASTER SUNDAY RISEN INDEED

MOTTO TEXT: John 20:15-16 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? Whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.

ENTIRE LESSON: John 20:1-18

1. The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.
2. Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.
3. Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre.
4. So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre.
5. And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in.
6. Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie,
7. And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.
8. Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed.
9. For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.
10. Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.
11. But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre,
12. And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.
13. And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.
14. And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.
15. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? Whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.
16. Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.
17. Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.
18. Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

PURPOSE – To explore the encounter between Mary Magdalene and the risen Jesus, emphasizing the powerful nature of the resurrection.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION – Encourage believers to seek a personal encounter with the risen Jesus, recognizing the power of His resurrection in their lives.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Ascended - rose, arose, go up, move upward. After interacting with his disciples, Jesus ascended back to Heaven because his work that he came to do was finished
2. Borne - carried, brought or taken. Mary asked a man she thought was a gardener if he had taken Jesus' body away.

3. Encounter - meet, come across, chance meeting. Mary Magdalene had a meeting with Jesus, whom she did not recognize.
4. Indeed – certainly, undoubtedly, really, truly. There is infallible proof that Jesus truly rose from the dead. He was seen by witnesses.
5. Supposing - assuming, imagine, or thinking. Mary Magdalene was thinking the man she met was a gardener, but when Jesus called her name, she recognized who he was. Do you know God's voice and how can you be certain it is his voice speaking to you?

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. When Mary Magdalene went to the sepulchre, she saw that the stone was moved away. Even though it was dark, she went inside and discovered Jesus' body wasn't there.
What was her first course of action? Is that what you would have done? Why/why not? Answer individually
2. She saw two disciples when she left the tomb, who were they? Is it surprising in your estimation as to who they were? Do you recall the special relationship between these two disciples and Jesus?
3. When these two heard Mary's story about what she had seen, what did they do? When we hear news about Jesus and the work he did to secure our salvation, what comes to your mind? Do you make haste to tell others what you have heard?
4. When Mary mistook the man she saw for a gardener, how did Jesus identify himself to her? We should always study the Word of God so we will know who Jesus is so as not to be deceived. It is only through him that we are saved.
5. Jesus' resurrection assures believers that one day when he returns, we will be resurrected as well.
What is the best way to live so you can anticipate his return with joy? Talk about it.

MEMORY VERSE: John 20:11-12 But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

LESSON 39

APRIL 27, 2025

TRUST IN THE LORD

MOTTO TEXT: 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.

ENTIRE LESSON: Hebrews 11:1-16

1. Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
2. For by it the elders obtained a good report.
3. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

4. By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.
5. By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.
6. But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.
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.
8. By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.
9. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:
10. For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.
11. Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.
12. Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.
13. These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.
14. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.
15. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.
16. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

PURPOSE - To look unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith and to have complete confidence, trust and faith in God. To believe in his words and on his commandments.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Jesus said, let not your heart be troubled: if you believe in God, believe also in me. John 14:1

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Acknowledge – Accept or admit the existence or truth of; to recognize the importance or quality of.
2. Confidence – The feeling or belief that one can rely on someone or something; firm trust; self-assurance.
3. Faith – Complete belief, trust, or confidence in someone or something.
4. Substance – The real physical matter of which a person or thing consists of, and which has a tangible solid presence.
5. Trust – Firm belief in the reliability, truth, ability, or strength of someone or something.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Demonstrate a scenario of a circumstance where it was imperative to place your full trust, confidence and faith in God.
Class participation:
2. Have group discussion emphasizing 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”.
3. Can you remember a time when you needed to trust God? How did you respond? What was the outcome?
Answer Individually and then Discuss as a Class
4. Who is the author and finisher of our faith?
Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith.
5. It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. Study Psalm 118:8
True ____ False ____

MEMORY VERSE: Jeremiah 17:7-8 Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

LESSON 40

MAY 4, 2025

NATIONAL PRAYER DAY YES AND AMEN

MOTTO TEXT: 2 Corinthians 1:20 For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

ENTIRE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22

18. But as God is true, our word toward you was not yea and nay.
19. For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea.
20. For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.
21. Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;
22. Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

PURPOSE - To understand the assurance and faithfulness of God's promises, drawing insights from Paul's teachings in 2 Corinthians.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Encourage believers to trust in the faithfulness of God's promises, understanding that every promise finds its fulfillment in Christ.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Amen - agreed, yes, indeed, an affirmative answer or so be it. When we hear the Word of God being taught or preached and we know it is the truth, we agree by saying amen.
2. Insight - vision, awareness, understanding, or comprehension. As we study the bible and meditate on the commandments and the will of the Lord, we gain much understanding of it and can be sure we are being obedient to God's Word.
3. Nay - a negative reply or vote; Yea means yes and nay means no. Has there ever been a time when you think God has said no to your prayer? Explain your response.
4. Each time God has told his people the consequences of disobedience, is that a nay? What is the difference between being punished for disobedience and just saying no? Think about it for discussion.
5. There are certain things that God wants his people to refrain from doing; such as not having any other gods before him. Is this statement a no? To refrain from worshipping idle gods is a positive statement. God is supreme, our creator, our Living God. We may say no don't put anything before God which is true but that is a positive statement (commandment) to which we should respond AMEN!
6. The scriptures say that God's promises are Yes and Amen. Keep this in your minds and know that you can depend on God's Word. The question is can God depend on your promises?

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Every Word of God is right.
Do you believe this statement? Does this declaration encourage you to obey God's Word?
2. All promises of God are yea and amen. Yea means yes, is there ever a time when you think God has said no?
Explain your reason.
3. God told his people the consequences for disobedience.
Is that a no? What is the difference between being punished for disobedience and just saying no? Think about it and share your thoughts.
4. There are certain things that God wants his people to refrain from doing; such as to refrain from worshipping idle gods and not having any other gods before him. Is this commandment a no? To refrain from worshipping idle gods is a positive statement. God is Supreme, our creator, our living God, we may say no don't put anything before God, which is true but it is a positive statement (commandment) to which we should respond AMEN!
5. We must always trust God's promises because he has all power and can do everything he says he will do.
6. Are you searching the scriptures to understand those promises that God has for all who trust and live for him? Eternal life is promised to all whose names are written in the book of life. We must trust and obey so that our names are written down. How comforting it is to know that in God is yes and Amen. There is a song we use to sing that says "If I put my trust in Jesus, everything will be alright. Then my yoke will be so easy and my burden will be light." Praise the Lord for YES & AMEN!

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Corinthians 1:20 For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

LESSON 41

MAY 11, 2025

MOTHER'S DAY THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A MOTHER'S LOVE

MOTTO TEXT: Proverbs 31:28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

ENTIRE LESSON: Proverbs 6:20-23

20. My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother.
21. Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck.
22. When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.
23. For the commandment is a lamp, and the law is light, and reproofs of instruction are the way of life.

PURPOSE - To highlight the wisdom and guidance found in a mother's teachings, emphasizing the importance of honoring parental instructions.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Encourage believers to reflect on the valuable lessons learned from their mothers (*and motherly figures*) and how these teachings have been a source of guidance throughout our lives.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Commandment – a divine rule to be observed.
2. Continually – repeated frequently in the same way, regularly.
3. Reproof – scolding, rebuke.
4. Guidance – advice or information to resolve a problem or difficulty.
5. Honoring – regard with great respect.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

A mother's love for her children is like nothing else. We find in the motto text, a mother called blessed by her children, who has flourished from her gracious works toward them. They experience love, nurturing, guidance, and a pearl of wisdom in a mother's teaching, and from motherly figures. Take time and learn from the teaching of parental instructions. Solomon shows that the same respect is to be given to the mother as to a father. She has lived and learned from her life experiences and now can share them with her children. She openeth her mouth with wisdom, and in her tongue is the law of kindness. Proverbs 31:26 Nothing like a mother's love. Cherish your mother today.

1. Where in the Bible is it written, Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.
2. Because of age and experience, parents understand more about life than their children.

Class discussion.

3. Can you identify one law your mother gave you?
Answer individually.
4. Our words should be gracious and gentle within and outside our homes according to Proverbs 31:26.
Class discussion.
5. Can you highlight some teachings you received from your mother?
Class discussion.
6. In the Motto Text who gave praises to the mother?
 - a. Children
 - b. Father
 - c. Children and Father
 - d. Other relatives

MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 6:23 For the commandment is a lamp, and the law is light, and reproofs of instruction are the way of life.

LESSON 42

MAY 18, 2025

GET READY FOR THE INCREASE

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 67:6 Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

ENTIRE LESSON: Isaiah 54:1-17

1. Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the Lord.
2. Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes;
3. For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left, and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.
4. Fear not, for thou shalt not be ashamed; neither be thou confounded, for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.
5. For thy Maker is thine husband; the Lord of hosts is his name, and thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; the God of the whole earth shall he be called.
6. For the Lord hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth when thou wast refused, saith thy God.
7. For a small moment have I forsaken thee, but with great mercies will I gather thee.
8. 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.
9. For this is as the waters of Noah unto me, for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee nor rebuke thee.

10. For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed, but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee.
11. O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colors and lay thy foundations with sapphires.
12. And I will make thy windows of agates and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones.
13. And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of thy children.
14. In righteousness shalt thou be established; thou shalt be far from oppression, for thou shalt not fear, and from terror, for it shall not come near thee.
15. Behold, they shall surely gather together, but not by me; whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake.
16. Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work, and I have created the waster to destroy.
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.

PURPOSE - To explore the promise of increase and prosperity in Isaiah 54, emphasizing God's faithfulness to his people and the removal of shame through his redemptive work.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Encourage believers to prepare for God's increase in their lives by enlarging their faith, trusting in God's promises, praying big bold prayers and embracing his covenant of peace.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Condemn - To pronounce guilty, to convict, to declare wrong or evil.
2. Increase - To become progressively greater in size, amount, number, or intensity.
3. Oppression - Unjust; cruel exercise of authority of power, a sense of being weighed down in body or mind.
4. Tempest - A violent storm, an uproar.
5. Travail - Work in painful or agonizing nature, toil, torment.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

It is refreshing to know that God has promised us increase and prosperity whenever we remain faithful to his will and to his word. No matter what trouble or trial you may be experiencing, and no matter what lack or poverty you are encountering, God's promises of increase is destined to take place in your life because 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? God is faithful to his people and he is plentiful in mercy.

Increase is on the way, prosperity is coming, your breakthrough is just beyond your brokenness, your miracle is on the other side of your midnight madness. If you can just hold on, weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning. Increase your faith, increase your hope, increase your determination and God will increase his blessings and bounty.

MEMORY VERSE: Isaiah 54:10 For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed, but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee.

LESSON 43

MAY 25, 2025

THE HARVEST IS RIPE

MOTTO TEXT: Joel 3:13 Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down, for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great.

ENTIRE LESSONS: Revelation 14:14-20

14. And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.
15. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle and reap, for the time is come for thee to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.
16. And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.
17. And another angel came out of the temple, which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.
18. And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire, and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe.
19. And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.
20. And the winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

PURPOSE - To explore the biblical imagery of the ripe harvest in Revelation 14, emphasizing the urgency and significance of the final harvest associated with the end times.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Encourage believers to understand the times and engage in activities that contribute to the spiritual harvest, recognizing the urgency of sharing the gospel and leading people to Christ.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Furlong - A unit of distance equal to 220 yards or 201 meters.
2. Harvest - The quantity of natural product gathered in a single season.
3. Ripe - Fully grown and developed, mature, fully prepared.
4. Sickle - An agricultural cutting tool with a sharp blade used for reaping crops or mowing unwanted weeds.
5. Trodden - To step or walk on or over.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

Revelation 14 is a synopsis of the end times and depicts the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ the second time to gather all individuals as a sickle collecting the harvest of souls and separating the righteous people from the evil ones. The vital question remains; are you ready to go back with Jesus when he returns to gather the elect from this evil and corrupt world? Now is the time to grow in holiness and mature in righteousness so we can not only be a shining light of hope in this dark world, but be ready and prepared to meet and join our soon coming King in joy and triumph.

MEMORY VERSE Revelation 14:15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle and reap, for the time is come for thee to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.

LESSON 44

JUNE 1, 2025

HE THAT ENDURES TO THE END THE SAME SHALL BE SAVED

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 24:13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 24:1-14

1. And Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and his disciples came to him to show 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 rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled, for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.
7. For nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, and there shall be famines and pestilences and earthquakes in divers places.
8. All these are the beginning of sorrows.
9. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted and shall kill you, and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.
10. And then shall many be offended and shall betray one another and shall hate one another.
11. And many false prophets shall rise and shall deceive many.
12. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.
13. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.
14. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come.

PURPOSE - To explore Jesus' teachings on the signs of the end times and the endurance required of believers, emphasizing the promise of salvation for those who endure to the end.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Encourage believers to stand firm in faith despite challenges and difficulties, understanding that enduring to the end is a key aspect of securing salvation.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Deceive - To make someone believe something that is not true, to give a false impression.
2. Disciple - One who accepts and assists in spreading the doctrines of another.
3. Endure - To remain firm without yielding, to continue until the end.
4. Famine - Extreme scarcity of food, starvation, drought.
5. Pestilence - A contagious or infectious epidemic disease.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

The key to the success of salvation is to endure until the end. We must be willing to hold on to our convictions and endure opposition, trials, challenges, difficulties and trouble without giving up or giving out. Be not weary in well doing, for in due season you shall reap if you faint not. We shall be offended, betrayed, and hated, but if we stand firm in the gospel of Jesus Christ and continue to live the good life, we shall have eternal life.

Jesus said in Revelation 3:11; Behold I come quickly, hold fast that which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Although iniquity shall abound and the love of many shall wax cold, if you endure until the end, you shall be saved.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 24:13 - But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

THEME IV
THE RIGHTEOUS ONES:
HOLDING FAST TO GOD'S PROMISES WITHOUT WAVERING

**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.
For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.
A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways.
James 1:6-8**

LESSONS 45 – 54

LESSON 45

JUNE 8, 2025

WE HAVE A LAW

MOTTO TEXT: John 19:7 The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.

ENTIRE LESSON: John 19:1-19

1. Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged *him*.
2. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put *it* on his head, and they put on him a purple robe,
3. And said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands.
4. Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him.
5. Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And *Pilate* saith unto them, Behold the man!
6. When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify *him*, crucify *him*. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify *him*: for I find no fault in him.
7. The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.
8. When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid;
9. And went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer.
10. Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?
11. Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power *at all* against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.
12. And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar.
13. When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha.

14. And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King!
15. But they cried out, Away with *him*, away with *him*, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar.
16. Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led *him* away.
17. And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called *the place* of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha:
18. Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst.
19. And Pilate wrote a title, and put *it* on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.

PURPOSE - To settle the dispute by the Jewish leaders that was demanding the death of Jesus. Pilate new that Jesus was not guilty but had to find a way to satisfy the crowd that wanted to kill him by making him a public example and letting him go.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - What the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Romans 8:3-4

GLOSSARY / COMMENTARY

1. Caesar - A name taken by all the Roman emperors after Julius Caesar. It was a sort of title, like Pharaoh, and as such is usually applied to the emperors in the New Testament.
2. Crucify - The act of nailing or binding someone to a cross made of wood and hanging until death.
3. Passover - A feast instituted by God in commemoration of the deliverance of Israel from Egypt. The exemption of the Israelites from the death of their firstborn on that night when the death angel saw the blood of the lamb on their doorpost and passed over them.
4. Scourge - To whip with thongs made of straps of leather with sharp pieces of bone or metal tied to the ends.
5. Smote - To attack and strike with a firm blow.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Why do we have laws?
We have laws to ensure accountability, stability, equality and access to justice for all. It also helps lower levels of corruption and violence. Our Decree Book page #2 says “We believe all humans beings should know that it is the will of God that all true people should have a rule to walk by. We should not draw back from the laws and or rules of our respective states.”
2. Did Jesus make himself the Son of God as he was accused of doing?
No, according to 2 Peter 1:17 Jesus received sonship from his Father and it was confirmed when God spoke from heaven and said; “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

3. Did Pilate, the governor, find any fault in Jesus?
According to verse #4, Pilate could not find any fault in Jesus and sought to release him.
4. Why did Pilate allow them to crucify Jesus, knowing he was an innocent man?
Pilate permitted them to crucify Jesus because he was afraid of the raging crowd and afraid of losing his position and authority as governor. See verse #8.
5. Who instigated the crowd and induced Pilate to crucify Jesus?
The chief priest and officers, who were the influential religious leaders, plotted and persuaded the crowd and Pilate to crucify Jesus. See verse #6.

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 2:14 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:

LESSON 46

JUNE 15, 2025

FATHER'S DAY FATHERS MUST PROVIDE FOR THEIR CHILDREN

MOTTO TEXT: 1 Timothy 5:8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

ENTIRE LESSON: Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 22:6; 1 Timothy 5:8

Ephesians 6:4

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

Proverbs 22:6

6. Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

1 Timothy 5:8

8. But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

PURPOSE - To emphasize the biblical responsibility of fathers to provide for and nurture their children, exploring key passages that highlight this role.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Encourage fathers to take an active role in providing for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of their children, fostering a nurturing environment that aligns with biblical principles.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Aligns - to declare your support, or the support of somebody or something you represent, for a person, group, argument, or point of view. Does your life align with the Word of God?
2. Fostering – encourage or support the development of someone or something.
3. Infidel - somebody who does not believe in a major religion, especially Christianity.

4. Nurture - to give tender care and protection to a young child, animal, or plant, helping it to grow and develop.
5. Provide - to supply somebody with something, or be a source of something needed or wanted by somebody.
6. Wrath - the vengeance, punishment, or destruction wreaked by somebody in anger. Do not provoke others to become angry.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Fathers who live godly will give their children many examples of living to please God.
Talk about how this is possible.
2. What is your interpretation of provoking someone to wrath?
Have you ever been guilty? What was the outcome?
3. Does a father have an obligation to children that are not his biological children?
Why or why not? Discuss this question and defend your opinion.
4. What are some ways of training children that come to your mind?
Would the methods that you've expressed be pleasing to God?
5. Fathers have a great responsibility to provide for their households.
Name some of the provisions every household needs. Discuss the difficulties that a single father, a god-father or even a male mentor might have in providing for a household or does this apply?
6. In today's society some fathers are labeled as deadbeat.
What are the reasons for this label? What could a father that is a believer do to assist in this kind of situation?

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Timothy 5:8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

LESSON 47

JUNE 22, 2025

EVERYBODY IS NOT GOING TO LOVE YOU

MOTTO TEXT: Luke 6:26 Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

ENTIRE LESSON: 1 Peter 3:8-18

8. Finally, *be ye* all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, *be* pitiful, *be* courteous:
9. Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing; but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.
10. For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:
11. Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.
12. For the eyes of the Lord *are* over the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord *is* against them that do evil.
13. And who *is* he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

14. But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy *are ye*: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;
15. But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:
16. Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.
17. For *it is* better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.
18. For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.

PURPOSE - To let the true saints of God know that they will be hated and not loved by many for standing up for righteousness, Jesus and for the kingdom of God.

PRACTICAL POINT - Love those who hate you. Do good no matter what.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Contrariwise - the opposite of what was mentioned before.
2. Eschew - stay away from; make sure to avoid.
3. Guile - full of lies; trickery; intentional deception.
4. Pitiful - extremely kind; compassionate; understanding towards others; to have a "big heart."
5. Railing - get even or exchange meanness; to criticize angrily.
6. Rendering- giving; providing.
7. Revile- say rude, mean, hateful words against someone.
8. Woe- a warning; be watchful; caution to you.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Even if you are kind and friendly, will everyone love you?
No, everyone will not love you.
2. Should you be concerned if everyone loves you?
Yes, the Motto Text warns that we should be concerned when all people speak flattery about us.
3. How should we treat everybody?
Be kind and loving to everyone.
4. If someone is rude to you, should you address them the same way?
No, do not mistreat them, but be loving.
5. Are there any benefits to treating people with kindness?
Yes, the Lord watches over the righteous. I Peter 3:12
6. When people speak evil of you falsely, how are you like Christ?
Christ also suffered unjust treatment. (v. 18)

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 5:11-12 Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great *is* your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

LOVE NOT THE WORLD NEITHER THE THINGS THAT ARE IN THE WORLD

MOTTO TEXT: 1 John 2:15-17 Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

ENTIRE LESSON: 1 John 2:4-17

4. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.
5. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.
6. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.
7. Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning.
8. 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.
9. He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.
10. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.
11. But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.
12. I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake.
13. I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him *that is* from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father.
14. I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him *that is* from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.
15. Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
16. For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.
17. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

PURPOSE - To remind us to not love the world nor the secular things of the world: the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life are not of the Father but are of the world.

PRACTICAL POINT - It is written, Isaiah 45:5 *I am* the LORD, and *there is* none else, *there is* no God beside me. Exodus 20:3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Abides – remain; stays with; dwell.
2. Eternal - never ending; lasting forever.
3. Fleshly - human-like; relating to human desires.
4. Lust - very strong desire for someone or something.
5. Perfected - overcame; free from any faults.
6. Pride - anything showy to brag about; very satisfied with self or self-achievements
7. Temporal - not long lasting; for a limited time.
8. World – a place which is hostile to God and to Christ, a source of moral corruption to the spiritual health and life of Christians.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. In this lesson, does the word world refer to Earth?
No, the word world refers to whoever and whatever is against God and Christ.
2. Why are we warned not to love the world nor the things in the world?
Refer to verses 16-17 of the lesson.
3. Does a person love God, if he/she loves the things of the world?
No, whoever loves the things of the world does not love God. (*vs 15*)
4. According to verse 4 in the lesson, how is a liar recognized?
A liar says he/she knows the Lord but does not keep his commandments.
5. How can you tell when someone's love for God is perfected?
The person is not ashamed to own God and keeps his commandments.
6. When does a person walk in darkness?
A person is in darkness when he/she hates his brother but confesses to love God.
7. How does a person realize he/she does not love God?
You do not love God, if you love the world and the lusts of the flesh.
8. How can you abide forever with God?
Do the will of God.

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Corinthians 4:18 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.

LESSON 49

JULY 6, 2025

ASK WHAT YOU WILL

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

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

Matthew 7:7-11

7. Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you:

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

Matthew 6:5-13

5. And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites *are*: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.
6. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.
7. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen *do*: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.
8. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.
9. After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
10. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.
11. Give us this day our daily bread.
12. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
13. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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

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

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Whatsoever – one or some or every or all without specification.
2. Ask – say something to obtain an answer or some information.
3. Confidence – the feeling or belief that one can rely on someone or something.
4. Repetitions – the action of repeating something that has already been said or written.
5. Hypocrites – someone pretending to be something that he/she is not.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

Jesus made a promise to those who ask, it shall be given to you, seek, and ye shall find, and knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Prayer is a humbling act of communion with the God of the universe, the Sovereign One. Never give up on praying, especially knowing that Jesus gave a model prayer in Matthew 6:9. This can be your starting point for those who do not know what to say or ask. The late Chief Overseer, Bishop R. W. Fletcher said, “Prayer is not a form, but a force.” Let us Ask, Seek, and Knock!

1. In this lesson how did the hypocrites pray?
Answer Individually
2. How does God answer your prayers?

He answers them in the form of thoughts, scripture, and acts of other people.

3. Do you have a strong prayer life, or does it need some work?

Answer Individually

4. Why is having a strong prayer life so important?

Prayer will give you peace of mind during a chaotic time, and help you understand God's plan for your life.

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

LESSON 50

JULY 13, 2025

JOY COMES IN THE MORNING

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 30:5 For his anger *endureth but* a moment; in his favor *is* life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy *cometh* in the morning.

ENTIRE LESSON: Psalm 30:1-12

1. I will extol thee, O LORD; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.
2. O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.
3. O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.
4. Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.
5. For his anger *endureth but* a moment; in his favour *is* life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy *cometh* in the morning.
6. And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved.
7. LORD, by thy favour thou hast made my mountain to stand strong: thou didst hide thy face, *and* I was troubled.
8. I cried to thee, O LORD; and unto the LORD I made supplication.
9. What profit *is there* in my blood, when I go down to the pit? Shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth?
10. Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me: LORD, be thou my helper.
11. Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;
12. To the end that *my* glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

PURPOSE - To show that even in our darkest hour, the sun will shine afterwhile. Sorrow and sadness will not last always.

PRACTICAL POINT - Stay positive today and leave off all negative thoughts. Smile, laugh and be happy.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Joy – is more than a happy feeling. It's a lasting emotion that comes from the choice to trust that God will fulfill his promises.
2. Prosperity – the condition of being successful or thriving.
3. Supplication – the act of asking or pleading for something humbly.
4. Favour – gaining approval, acceptance, or special benefits.
5. Weeping – shedding tears when expressing grief or sorrow.
6. Sackcloth – a coarse cloth of goat or camel's hair or of flax, hemp, or cotton, worn as a sign of mourning or penitence.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

You may wonder how we can have joy with everything happening in this world. If we dedicate time to praying, praising, and worshiping God for what he has done, is doing and is going to do in our life, we can experience joy in the morning. David starts off praising God for lifting him up and not allowing his enemies to kill him.

We are not going through this life with no trouble, with no dark days, or rainy days. Let us remember to reflect on the writings of James, my brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers' temptation, knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

James 1:2-3

1. How long does God's anger endure?
 - a. A day
 - b. A week
 - c. A month
 - d. A moment
2. Sometimes we feel like night is never going to end. We must endure like David and sing unto the Lord and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness. True_____ False_____
3. David cried unto the LORD and made supplication.
Explain Individually
4. Name/recite three scriptures talking about joy.
 - a. Psalm 30:5
 - b. Psalm 4:7
 - c. John 15:11
5. How are you going to handle your night situations?
Answer Individually

MEMORY VERSE: Isaiah 55:12 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.

CONTROLLING YOUR ANGER

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 37:8-9 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.

ENTIRE LESSON: Ephesians 4:22-32

22. That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;
23. And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;
24. And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.
25. Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.
26. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:
27. Neither give place to the devil.
28. Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with *his* hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.
29. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.
30. And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.
31. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:
32. And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

PURPOSE - To learn to respond in a positive way to those who may cause you to become angry, enraged or overly excited.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Try to remain calm in heated conversations.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Clamour - shouting or fussing loudly, strongly expressed protest.
2. Conversation - a talk, especially an informal one, between two or more people, in which news and ideas are exchanged.
3. Corrupt - morally perverted, characterized by improper conduct.
4. Deceitful - having a tendency to deceive, not honest, to give false impressions.
5. Malice - the intention or desire to do evil; ill will.
6. Wrath - extreme anger or rage.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

One of the precious gifts of the Holy Ghost to God's people is temperance or self-control. God desires all people, including young people, to not only control your anger but to cease from anger. Uncontrolled anger can lead to rage and rage can lead to hurtful and regretful actions. Any time your anger is out of control that opens the door for the devil to use you to say and do disruptive and destructive things. We should never give place to the

devil. If you give him an inch he will take a mile; if you let him in your car he will jump in the driver's seat.

To avoid uncontrollable tempers, we should think and pray before reacting or responding to irrational behavior. In every conflict, always seek peace and pursue it. Romans 12:18 says, If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Matthew 5:9 reads, Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God. Are you a peacemaker or a peace-breaker? Discuss why it is better to make peace rather than to break peace.

MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 14:29 He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding; but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly.

LESSON 52

JULY 27, 2025

HEADED IN THE WRONG DIRECTION

MOTTO TEXT: Leviticus 20:13 If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood *shall be* upon them. **Leviticus 18:22** Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it *is* abomination.

ENTIRE LESSON: Psalm 1:1-6 and Psalm 119:1-8

Psalm 1:1-6

1. Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
2. But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.
3. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.
4. The ungodly *are* not so: but *are* like the chaff which the wind driveth away.
5. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
6. For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Psalm 119:1-8

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.

PURPOSE - To make it plain to all, that after you have known God, or rather are known of God, that you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto you desire again to be in bondage, you are headed in the wrong direction. Galatians 4:9

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me. Psalm 119:133

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Delight – Please someone greatly; great pleasure.
2. Direction – The path that something or someone takes.
3. Iniquity – Immoral behavior; sinfulness; wickedness.
4. Statute – Mandates, precepts, or rules; a law established by God.
5. Wrong – The state of being mistaken or incorrect; unsuitable; undesirable; immoral.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

Young people, we are living in an immoral society. The Bible teaches us that; There is a way which seems right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. You may have been on the “right” road; but you made a U-turn, and now you are headed in the “wrong” direction.

If we refuse to walk in the statutes of God, we are headed in the wrong direction. 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.”

If by chance you have made mistakes, it’s not too late to turn around. Make a quality decision today and seek the ways of righteousness. Make sure that you delight in the law of the LORD; and meditate day and night. Once you do this, stay on the right road, read, study, and live by God’s Word; and you will be headed in the right direction!

MEMORY VERSE: Isaiah 5:14-15 Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it. And the mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled:

LESSON 53

AUGUST 3, 2025

FAMILY SUNDAY INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY

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

ENTIRE LESSON: Titus 2:1-15

1. But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:

2. That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.
3. The aged women likewise, that *they be* in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;
4. That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,
5. *To be* discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.
6. Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded.
7. In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine *shewing* uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,
8. Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.
9. *Exhort* servants to be obedient unto their own masters, *and* to please *them* well in all *things*; not answering again;
10. Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.
11. For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,
12. Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;
13. Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;
14. Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.
15. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

PURPOSE - To make it known that parents and grandparents have a responsibility to train up, instruct and teach members of the family the way of true holiness.

PRACTICAL POINT - The instructions given to members of the family must be profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Instructions – information telling how something should be assembled or operated.
2. Family – one or more parents and their children living together as a unit.
3. Profitable – beneficial or useful.
4. Diligently – thoroughness, completeness, and persistence of an action.
5. Blasphemed – great disrespect that is shown toward God or something holy.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

In this lesson, Paul asked Titus to carry on the work he had started on the Island of Crete. This island was well known for its deplorable moral state. Paul instructed Titus to teach sound doctrine; he also gave him ministerial training to help the church. Titus was informed to show love and grace to a specific group. The older men, the women, young women, young men, children, and servants. Titus must first live a godly life, be sound in the faith, sincere and steadfast, constantly adhering to the truth of the gospel before the people, to be an example and show them that it can be done. Paul ends chapter two by

expressing the “blessed hope, and the glorious appearance of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ.” (verse 13)

1. In this lesson Paul expressed to his disciples to teach what?
They were instructed to teach those things which become sound doctrine.
2. As Christians, what must we deny according to Paul’s teaching?
We must deny ungodliness and worldly lusts.
3. Name some Godly characteristics in the epistle of Paul to Titus. “e.g.”
We should live soberly, righteously, and godly.) Answer individually.
4. Who is responsible for teaching the family member the true way of holiness?
Parents and grandparents.

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity!

LESSON 54

AUGUST 10, 2025

LET NOT YOUR GOOD BE EVIL SPOKEN OF

MOTTO TEXT: Romans 14:16-17 Let not then your good be evil spoken of: For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

ENTIRE LESSON: Psalm 37:1-11

1. Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.
2. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.
3. Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.
4. Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.
5. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.
6. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.
7. Rest in the LORD and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.
8. Cease from anger and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.
9. For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.
10. For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.
11. But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

PURPOSE - To teach that we should walk in the newness of Christ, love more uplift each other and judge less.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. Romans 16:17

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Commit – To pledge or bind; to be devoted to someone or something.
2. Envious – Showing envy; wanting what someone else has; jealous or resentful.
3. Evil – Profoundly immoral and wicked; morally wrong or bad.
4. Fret – Be constantly worried or anxious.
5. Meek – Of a quiet and gentle disposition; willing to submit to God's ways.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Can you remember a time when your good was evil spoken of and how you responded?
Answer Individually and Discuss with the Class
2. When you use spiritual things in an unspiritual way, your good can be evil spoken of.
Explain and Discuss as a Class
3. What does it mean to Trust in the LORD, Delight thyself in the LORD, and Commit thy way unto the LORD?
Answer according to the Entire Lesson Psalm 37:1-11
4. List some ways that you as a young person can commit to God?
Answer Individually and Share with the Class
5. Fill in the blanks: Let not then your _____ be _____ spoken of: For the _____ of _____ is not meat and drink; but _____, and _____, and joy in the _____. Romans 14:16-17

MEMORY VERSE: Galatians 6:10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

THEME V

WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, north depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:37-39

LESSONS 55 – 63

LESSON 55

AUGUST 17, 2025

IT IS GOING TO TAKE THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

MOTTO TEXT: Ephesians 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

ENTIRE LESSON: Ephesians 6:10-24

10. Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
11. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
12. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.
13. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
14. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;
15. And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
16. Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.
17. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:
18. Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;
19. And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,
20. For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.
21. But that ye also may know my affairs, and how I do, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things:
22. Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs, and that he might comfort your hearts.
23. Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
24. Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

PURPOSE - To warn us against the attacks of Satan and let us know that we must be spiritually covered with the blood of Jesus in order to be divinely protected and saved.

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

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Loins: either side of the backbone, between the hipbone and the ribs. God's Word helps us to stand, living righteously in this world of sin.
2. Perseverance: continued effort to do or achieve something despite difficulties or opposition. Trials and tribulations are a part of living for the Lord, but the Holy Ghost strengthens us to persevere.
3. Quench: to put out, satisfy or to extinguish. When the devil sends numerous trials, tribulations and temptations our way, God gives us all the means to put them out.
4. Wiles: devious, cunning tricks designed to persuade Christians to do what he wants them to do.
5. Withstand: to remain undamaged, unaffected or to resist. Oppose with firm determination. "God's Word is powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword". Unbelievers may argue against what we believe but cannot win against His Word. There is no power that can overcome it because "His Word is forever settled in Heaven".

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. The Ephesian saints were taught to put on the whole armor of God. Why is this so very important?
Discuss the question.
2. In a military group the soldiers dress in armor for protection as they fight in battle. This armor may consist of material/s that deflects bullets or other ammunition. God's Word protects His people.
Discuss some of the pitfalls from which saints are protected.
3. In this lesson, Apostle Paul talks about being bold to speak as an ambassador in bonds.
What does this mean to you? Are you ever called on to speak boldly for the Lord? Explain
4. The devil is very devious and subtil.
How are you able to uncover his plans to deceive you? Share your responses.
5. The whole armor of God protects our whole spiritual body.
Explain in your own words the spiritual body parts that are protected and give examples of how they're protected.

MEMORY VERSE: Isaiah 40:31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.

WALK IN THE NEWNESS OF LIFE

MOTTO TEXT: Romans 6:4 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.

ENTIRE LESSON: Romans 8:1-14

1. There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
2. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.
3. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:
4. That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
5. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.
6. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.
7. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.
8. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.
9. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.
10. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.
11. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.
12. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.
13. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.
14. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

PURPOSE - To walk in the newness of life by laying aside our thoughts and our ways, knowing perfectly well, that they are not the Lord's thoughts nor his ways, and surrendering ourselves totally and completely over to our Savior, Jesus Christ.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Lay aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speaking, As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby. 1 Peter 2:1-2

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Carnal – Having to do with or preoccupied with bodily or sexual pleasures; things of the flesh and not of the Holy Spirit.
2. Condemnation – The expression of very strong disapproval; having guilt or punishment attached to it.

3. Life – Living and not dead; having purpose; full of vigor and strength.
4. Newness – The quality of being new or original; being enlightened and experiencing God's goodness.
5. Mortal – Being subject to death.
6. Walk – The way in which an individual lives or conducts his or her life.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. It is impossible to serve God, live a godly life, or walk in the newness of life without the power of the Holy Ghost.
True ___ False ___
2. They that are in the flesh cannot please God.
True ___ False ___
3. Discuss as a class the difference between being spiritually minded and being carnally minded.
4. Are you walking in the newness of life?
Answer individually and discuss as a class
5. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.
True ___ False ___

MEMORY VERSE: Philippians 3:14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

LESSON 57

AUGUST 31, 2025

GOD SENT HIS WORD TO HEAL THEM

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 107:20 He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 8:1-15

1. When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him.
2. And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.
3. And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.
4. And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.
5. And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,
6. And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.
7. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.
8. The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.

9. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.
10. When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.
11. And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.
12. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
13. And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.
14. And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever.
15. And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them.

PURPOSE - To acknowledge that Jesus went about all Galilee healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease and there was nothing too hard for God.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - When you are sick, call for the elders of the church; and let them pray and anoint with oil in the name of the Lord Jesus. James 5:14

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Beseech - to call upon, beg, to plead.
2. Centurion - Roman officer commanding a group of one hundred men.
3. Gnashing - to grind or strike teeth together.
4. Leper - a person affected with a contagious and deadly disease called leprosy.
5. Palsy - a shorter form of paralysis.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Do you think God can still heal today? Why or why not?
2. What is the difference between the doctor treating you and God healing you?
3. The leper said to Jesus, if thy will, thy can make me clean. Jesus answered him by saying, "I will, be thou clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. Do you think it is God's will to heal you?
4. The centurion asked Jesus not to come to his house, but just speak the word, and his servant would be healed. If only we had the faith to ask Jesus to speak the word; he doesn't have to lay hands on us; he doesn't have to pour oil on us; he doesn't have to have a prayer meeting with us, just speak the word only and we shall be healed.
5. So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Hear the word, speak the word and believe the word, and you too can be healed. Romans 10:17

MEMORY VERSE: Luke 8:43-44 And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, Came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanch'd.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY
CHILDREN OBEY YOUR PARENTS IN THE LORD
FOR THIS IS RIGHT

MOTTO TEXT: *Ephesians 6:1* Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

ENTIRE LESSON: Ephesians 6:1-11

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.

PURPOSE - To instruct children that they must obey both parents. Whatsoever you do, do all to the glory of God.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - With the ancient is wisdom; and in length of days understanding. Job 12:12

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Admonition – A gentle or friendly reproof, counsel or warning against faulty behavior.
2. Honor – Showing respect, to regard or treat someone with admiration, distinction.
3. Nurture – Training, upbringing, to educate or cultivate, to develop or promote.
4. Promise – A declaration that one will do or refrain from doing something specified, to pledge or vow to do.
5. Provoke – To stir up purposely, to incite to anger, to arouse, to stimulate.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

As children who are still growing, developing, maturing and learning, it is God's will that you be the best version of you that he created you to be. One of the most productive ways of learning is to learn from parents who have already experienced the lessons and pitfalls that come with childhood upbringing.

Every good and godly parent want their child to grow into a more intelligent, more productive, wiser, wealthier, stronger, more blessed child of God than they were. Your growth, development, and success can be significantly accelerated if you listen and obey your parents who are trying to prevent you from making the same mistakes and unwise choices that they made. God gives you a powerful promise, that if you honor your father and mother, it will be well with thee and you will live a long and complete life.

MEMORY VERSE: Hebrews 12:11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

LESSON 59

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

**EVANGELISM SUNDAY
LORD, SEND ME**

MOTTO TEXT: Isaiah 6:8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

ENTIRE LESSON: Luke 10:1-20

1. After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.
2. Therefore said he unto them, 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.
3. Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.
4. Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way.
5. And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house.
6. And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again.
7. And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house.
8. And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you:
9. And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.
10. But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say,
11. Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.
12. But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom, than for that city.
13. Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

14. But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment, than for you.
15. And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust down to hell.
16. He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me.
17. And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.
18. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.
19. 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.
20. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

PURPOSE - To show that even today, God need messengers to warn his people.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - If we are going to be a witness for Jesus, we should have the Holy Ghost that we may also live for him. No man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. *1 Corinthians 12:3b*

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Evangelism – the spreading of the gospel of Jesus Christ, by public preaching or personal witness.
2. Harvest – the process or period of gathering in crops.
3. Laborers - to work, a disciple actively involved in the process of evangelizing to the lost souls of today.
4. Despises – to argue and rail against biblical truth.
5. Thrust – to push or drive with force.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATION

In Luke the 10th chapter, we find Jesus speaking about harvesting time. He was not talking about crops, corn, tomatoes, cucumbers, and many other vegetables, but the reaping of souls that needed to be brought to repentance. There are many souls in the world that need to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Some may be in your family, neighborhood, even in your school.

In every generation the laborers are few. God needs messengers to go into the hedges and highways to warn others of the soon coming King. Are you willing and ready to take on this great task? Are you willing to say, Send me, Lord, I'll go? 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. Are you willing to reach your peers, by sharing the word of God? Luke 10:2

1. What is Evangelism?
Answer individually
2. Who witnessed to you about the Lord Jesus Christ?
Answer individually
3. What did Jesus say to his disciples after sending them out?
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.
4. Can you use social media to evangelize? If yes, how? If not, why not?
Class discussion

5. When was the last time you shared your testimony with your peers?

Class discussion

MEMORY VERSE: Acts 16:10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

LESSON 60

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

I WILL PAY MY VOW

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 22:25 My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him.

ENTIRE LESSON: Psalm 116:1-19

1. I love the Lord because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.
2. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.
3. The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.
4. Then called I upon the name of the Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.
5. Gracious is the Lord and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.
6. The Lord preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me.
7. Return unto thy rest, O my soul, for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.
8. For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.
9. I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.
10. I believed, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted.
11. I said in my haste, All men are liars.
12. What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?
13. I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.
14. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.
15. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.
16. O Lord, truly I am thy servant; I am thy servant and the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds.
17. I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call upon the name of the Lord.
18. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people,
19. In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the Lord.

PURPOSE - To explore the Psalmist's gratitude and commitment to paying vows in response to God's deliverance, emphasizing the act of worship and thanksgiving.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Encourage believers to express gratitude for God's deliverance by fulfilling vows and commitments made in moments of distress. Honoring a vow supports a lifestyle of worship and trust in God's faithfulness.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Affliction: Something that causes pain or causes us to suffer. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth them out of them all. (Psalms 34:19) You should expect to suffer afflictions in this life as you live for the Lord but, remember that God is with you and will strengthen you to endure.
2. Beseech: Plead, ask, request. David was so vexed in his soul, he pleaded with God in his prayer for deliverance.
3. Incline: Leaning toward doing something. God will incline his ears toward the cries of his people.
4. Supplication: A prayer that can be applied to any situation in which you must entreat someone in power for help. When you are experiencing many trials and tribulations in life, there are times when you will plead humbly before God for deliverance. God is merciful and loves a contrite heart and spirit.
5. Vow: solemn promise or pledge to do a specific thing, to dedicate to God a promise to do something. David made a vow to walk upright before him because God heard and answered his prayer.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Discuss some of the ways David was suffering in today's lesson.
Can you relate to any of these same afflictions like David experienced?
2. David was depending on God to hear his prayers. He prayed fervently, beseeching God for help.
Why do you think he prayed so earnestly about his circumstances? Name some specific troubles that he named.
3. David expressed his love for God.
Did he demonstrate this love? If so, how was it shown? The Bible says for us to do everything in love and kindness. What are some of the ways you show your love for God?
4. Vows are sometimes made as a means of promising to act in certain ways or doing certain things in order to show God our gratitude for him honoring our requests. Have you ever made a vow or vows to God? Are you willing to share one or two of them with the class?
5. When a vow is made, it is vitally important to pay it. This means to keep your promise. Remember you cannot deceive God. He knows the heart and the sincerity of the vow. Therefore, be sure to keep any vow you make or has made before God.

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 116:14 I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.

LESSON 61

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

THERE IS HOPE FOR TOMORROW

MOTTO TEXT: Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

ENTIRE LESSON: Romans 8:14-25

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.

PURPOSE - To convey the message that hope is an essential element of salvation, emphasizing the unseen nature of hope and the patient expectation of future promises.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Encourage believers to anchor their lives in the hope offered by God, recognizing that it is through hope that they experience salvation and patiently await the fulfillment of God's promises.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Adoption – The action or fact of legally taking another's child and bringing it up as one's own; the fact of being adopted.
2. Bondage – The state of being a slave.
3. Expectation – A strong belief that something will happen or be the case in the future.
4. Hope – A feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen.
5. Joint Heir – A person who shares with another, or others, the right to inherit a person's money, property, title, or any promise that another person has.
6. Manifestation – Something made real.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Share with the class a time that you needed to exercise faith and hope, waiting on God's promise of something that you desired. How did you react and respond?
Class Discussion
2. According to the lesson, describe those who are led by the Spirit of God.

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Ye have not received the Spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirits of Adoption...” (Romans 8:14-15).

3. How does the subject, There Is Hope for Tomorrow, inspire you?
Answer Individually and Discuss with the Class
4. Hope transcends what is visible and is not seen.
True____ False____ Explain and discuss your answer.
5. Explain and have a class discussion of the Motto Text, Jeremiah 29:11.

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 8:24 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?

LESSON 62

OCTOBER 5, 2025

MY PAST IS FINALLY BEHIND ME

MOTTO TEXT: Philippians 3:13-14 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

ENTIRE LESSON: Philippians 3:1-21

1. Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed *is* not grievous, but for you *it is* safe.
2. Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision.
3. For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.
4. Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more:
5. Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, *of* the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;
6. Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.
7. But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.
8. Yea doubtless, and I count all things *but* loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them *but* dung, that I may win Christ,
9. And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:
10. That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;
11. If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.
12. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

13. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,
14. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.
15. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.
16. Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.
17. Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.
18. (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ:
19. Whose end *is* destruction, whose God *is* *their* belly, and *whose* glory *is* in their shame, who mind earthly things.)
20. For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:
21. Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

PURPOSE - To forget the past, let it go, and put it behind you forever.

PRACTICAL POINT - No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God. Luke 9:62

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Apprehended - reached, achieved, accomplished, made it.
2. Attained - won, reached, been successful.
3. Circumcision - clean, pure, free from uncleanness.
4. Concision - division; confusion.
5. Vile - evil, sinful.
6. Zeal - eagerness, reaching the goal; satisfaction.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. What is the benefit of leaving the past behind?
When you leave the past behind, you can move forward.
2. Does this lesson encourage a person to improve?
Yes, this lesson encourages you to move ahead. (*v. 14b*)
3. What does Paul encourage the Philippians to do concerning the Lord?
Refer to verse 1 in today's lesson.
4. In verse 2, is Paul talking about actual dogs?
No, Paul is implying that people behave like dogs, biting, attacking, and snapping at others.
5. Why should you avoid or leave behind concision?
Concision causes division not working together.
6. Why did Paul no longer care for his prior earthly honors and achievements?
Christ was more important to him. (*vs. 7-10*)
7. Did Paul consider himself perfect?

No, Paul did not consider himself perfect, but was striving to reach perfection.
(vs. 12-13)

8. According to the Memory Verse, what must we do before God does a new thing in us?

We must let go of the past first. Isaiah 43:19

MEMORY VERSE: Isaiah 43:18-19 Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. 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.

LESSON 63

OCTOBER 12, 2025

I HATE THE SINS THAT MAKE THEE MOURN

MOTTO TEXT: Romans 7:23-24 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. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

ENTIRE LESSON: Romans 7:7-25

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

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

PURPOSE - To let us know that we must hate the evil, and love the good.

PRACTICAL POINT - God will deliver his saints out of the hand of the wicked.

GLOSSARY / COMMENTARY

1. Concupiscence - Strong sexual desire, evil lust.
2. Members - Limbs of the body, a portion of the human body.
3. Wretched - Distressed, miserable, unhappy, unfortunate.
4. Captivity - The condition of being imprisoned, confined or in bondage.
5. Carnal - Having the nature of flesh, controlled by human nature and not by the Spirit.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Discuss the difference of being spiritual or being carnal.
To be spiritual you are led by the Spirit of God; when you are carnal you are controlled by human nature.
2. Why is evil always present when you want to do good?
Evil is always present to entice or discourage you from doing the good that pleases God.
3. The desires of the body are warring against the desires of the mind. Why?
The body always want to gratify and satisfy the cravings of the flesh, which defies the spiritual mind that desires to bring the flesh under subjection and do what pleases God.
4. How do you make sure your spiritual mind wins the war against your carnal flesh?
The war will be won by which ever you feed and nurture the most, the fleshly body or the spiritual mind.
5. If you love good and hate evil, what is the outcome?
Loving good will help you to gravitate to good actions and good things. Hating evil will fortify you to avoid and resist evil behavior and evil things.

MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 6:16-19 These six *things* doth the LORD hate: yea, seven *are* an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness *that* speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

THEME VI

GREAT FAITH DISARMING THE WEAPONS OF FEAR AND EVIL

Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear:
though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.

Psalm 27:3-4

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LESSON 64

OCTOBER 19, 2025

GIVING UP YOUR FLESHLY DESIRES

MOTTO TEXT: Romans 8:13 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.

ENTIRE LESSON: Galatians 5:16-26

16. This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.
17. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.
18. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.
19. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,
20. Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,
21. Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.
22. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,
23. Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.
24. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.
25. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.
26. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

PURPOSE - To warn the believers not to waste time following after the deeds of the flesh but ask our heavenly Father for guidance in dealing with the sins of the flesh.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Delight yourself in the LORD; and he shall give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Emulation - ambition or endeavor to excel others, envious
2. Lasciviousness - lewd sexual desires, indecent lust, perverseness
3. Mortify - destroy, to subdue or deaden, to kill appetites or desires
4. Seditions - resistance or insurrection against authority

5. Variance - not in harmony, discord, division, strife, conflict

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

God created us to be spiritual beings while living in a fleshly body. Our spirit and soul live within our fleshly body but our body was never intended to control us; we are expected to maintain, clean, and control our own fleshly house. Our lesson warns us not to waste time following after the deeds of the flesh because it only leads to death and destruction.

It's not God's will that any should perish but all should come unto repentance. It is very simple; if we live in the lust of the flesh, we shall die physically and die eternally. But if we live and walk in the Spirit, we shall live and have everlasting life. God said in 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."

MEMORY VERSE: 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.

LESSON 65

OCTOBER 26, 2025

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY SIN CANNOT ENTER HERE

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. 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 make known to all that we are made free from sin and have become the servants of righteousness.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near. Isaiah 55:6

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Crucify – To put to death; to kill by nailing onto a cross.
2. Infirmity – A physical or mental weakness.
3. Iniquity – Immoral behavior; gross sin and dirtiness that lives in you when you continue to transgress God's law.
4. Mortal – Being subject to death.
5. Reign – To possess or exercise power or control over someone or something.
6. Temperance – Self-restraint; self-control; moderation.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Fill in the blanks: Let not _____ therefore _____ in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the _____ thereof. Neither yield ye your members as _____ of _____ unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your _____ as instruments of unto God. Romans 6:12-13

2. Explain the word “temperance” and discuss why is it important to exercise or practice temperance.
Class Discussion
3. The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
True ____ False ____
4. What does “Sin Cannot Enter Here” mean to you?
Answer Individually and Discuss as a Class
5. Give an example of a time where you had to practice temperance.
Answer Individually and Discuss with the Class

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

LESSON 66

NOVEMBER 2, 2025

GOD CANCELED MY DEBT

MOTTO TEXT: 2 Kings 4:7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.

ENTIRE LESSON: 2 Kings 4:1-7; Deuteronomy 15:1-6

2 Kings 4:1-7

1. Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the LORD: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen.
2. And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil.
3. Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, *even* empty vessels; borrow not a few.
4. And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full.
5. So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought *the vessels* to her; and she poured out.
6. And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, *There is* not a vessel more. And the oil stayed.
7. Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.

Deuteronomy 15:1-6

1. At the end of *every* seven years thou shalt make a release.

2. And this *is* the manner of the release: Every creditor that lendeth *ought* unto his neighbour shall release *it*; he shall not exact *it* of his neighbour, or of his brother; because it is called the LORD'S release.
3. Of a foreigner thou mayest exact *it again*: but *that* which is thine with thy brother thine hand shall release;
4. Save when there shall be no poor among you; for the LORD shall greatly bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance to possess it:
5. Only if thou carefully hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all these commandments which I command thee this day.
6. For the LORD thy God blesseth thee, as he promised thee: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, but thou shalt not borrow; and thou shalt reign over many nations, but they shall not reign over thee.

PURPOSE - To teach the principles of the forgiveness of debt, which includes giving bread to those who are hungry.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Deuteronomy 15:1 At the end of *every* seven years thou shalt make a release, grant a forgiveness of debt.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Bondmen - A kind of slave; person who does work to pay off a debt.
2. Creditor - A person or a lender who is owed.
3. Debt - To owe someone for what was borrowed.
4. Reign - Rule over; possess or exercise sovereign power.
5. Release - Forgive a debt; to consider a debt paid or cancelled.
6. Principles - Rules to live by; idea that guides you.
7. Trespasses - Mistreatment of someone; offenses; wrong doings.
8. Vessels - Something like a bottle or jar used as a container to hold something.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Whose debt was cancelled in the lesson?
A wife of the sons of prophets had her debt cancelled.
2. According to the Memory Verse, whose debt is cancelled?
God cancels our trespasses as we forgive others.
3. What instructions did Elisha give the widow in debt?
Gather vessels from neighbors, pour oil into them and sell the oil to get out of debt.
4. What miracle was performed?
Read 2 Kings 4:6-7
5. When was a release to be made?
Read Deuteronomy 15:1
6. What was the purpose of the release?
The release was given so that there would be no poor among the people.
7. Did a foreigner have the same release?
The foreigner could be released or could be made to repay the debt.
8. What does God say about being in debt?
Read Deuteronomy 15:6.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 6:14-15 If ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

LESSON 67

NOVEMBER 9, 2025

BEFORE I BACKSLIDE, LET ME THINK

MOTTO TEXT: Luke 9:62 And Jesus said unto him, no man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

ENTIRE LESSON: Hosea 4:1-19

1. Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.
2. By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood.
3. Therefore shall the land mourn, and everyone that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away.
4. Yet let no man strive, nor reprove another: for thy people are as they that strive with the priest.
5. Therefore shalt thou fall in the day, and the prophet also shall fall with thee in the night, and I will destroy thy mother.
6. My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.
7. As they were increased, so they sinned against me: therefore, will I change their glory into shame.
8. They eat up the sin of my people, and they set their heart on their iniquity.
9. And there shall be, like people, like priest: and I will punish them for their ways, and reward them their doings.
10. For they shall eat, and not have enough: they shall commit whoredom, and shall not increase: because they have left off to take heed to the LORD.
11. Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the heart.
12. My people ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declared unto them: for the spirit of whoredoms hath caused them to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God.
13. They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, and burn incense upon the hills, under oaks, poplars, and elms, because the shadow thereof is good: therefore, your daughters shall commit whoredom, and your spouses shall commit adultery.
14. I will not punish your daughters when they commit whoredom, nor your spouses when they commit adultery: for themselves are separated with whores, and they sacrifice with harlots: therefore, the people that doth not understand shall fall.
15. Though thou, Israel, play the harlot, yet let not Judah offend; and come not ye unto Gilgal, neither go ye up to Bethaven, nor swear, The LORD liveth.

16. For Israel slideth back as a backsliding heifer: now the LORD will feed them as a lamb in a large place.
17. Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone.
18. Their drink is sour: they have committed whoredom continually: her rulers with shame do love, Give ye.
19. The wind hath bound her up in her wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

PURPOSE - To warn everyone that backsliding is not good. To remind all that we are but flesh and have been in constant rebellion against God, and that we have tested Him over and over again and provoked the Holy One of Israel.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Lord help me to see myself, seek your face, and turn from my wicked ways.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Backslide - Turn away from God; turn from righteousness to sin.
2. Controversy - Heated, long disagreement.
3. Heifer - A young female cow; not borne a calf yet.
4. Languish - To become weak, sick.
5. Plough - A tool used to loosen ground for planting.
6. Reprove - To criticize or correct; usually in a gentle way.
7. Whoredom - Fornication, faithless; idolatry.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Why should a person think before he/she acts?
Thinking about the results of ones actions helps one to avoid major mistakes.
2. How does one backslide?
The person stops following God's instructions.
3. Explain the Motto Text.
Answer Individually
4. Why does Hosea speak to the children of Israel?
God is not pleased with his backsliding people and wants the Israelites to return to him.
5. List some of the behaviors that had displeased God.
Refer to Verse 2 of the lesson.
6. List some of the consequences of disobeying God's word.
Refer to verse 5 and other verses where God had punished his people.
7. Why are God's people destroyed?
God's people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge.
8. Why is Israel, God's people compared to a backsliding heifer?
Israel is stubborn and keeps disobeying God to her own hurt.

MEMORY VERSE: Hebrews 6:4-6 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

DECEIVED BY THE DEVIL

MOTTO TEXT: John 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

ENTIRE LESSON: Genesis 3:1-24

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

of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life.

18. Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;
19. In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.
20. And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.
21. Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.
22. And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:
23. Therefore, the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.
24. So, he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

PURPOSE - To prove that the Devil is a liar and a deceiver.

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

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Apron - a garment tied around the waist for protection.
2. Deceive - to cause to accept as true what is really false.
3. Lust - uncontrolled desire, intense craving.
4. Serpent - snake, creature that creeps and hisses.
5. Subtil - subtle, cunning, crafty, elusive.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Who is the father of lies?
Satan the devil is the father of lies.
2. What is the most subtle of all the beast that God made?
The serpent is the most subtle of all beasts.
3. What lie did the serpent tell Eve?
See verse #4.
4. What three things attracted the woman to the forbidden fruit?
See verse #6
5. What immediately happened to Adam and Eve after they ate the fruit?
See verse #7
6. Who did Adam blame for eating the fruit? Who did Eve blame for eating the fruit?
See verse #12 & 13.

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.

THANKSGIVING LESSON GIVING ALL PRAISE AND HONOR TO GOD

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 150:6 Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

ENTIRE LESSON: Psalm 95:1-7; Revelation 4:8-11; Psalm 103:1-5

Psalm 95:1-7

1. O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
2. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.
3. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
4. In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also.
5. The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.
6. O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.
7. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice,

Revelation 4:8-11

8. And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him, and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.
9. And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth forever and ever,
10. The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,
11. Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure, they are and were created.

Psalm 103:1-5

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
2. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:
3. Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;
4. Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;
5. Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

PURPOSE - To emphasize the importance of giving all praise and honor to God

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Encourage believers to offer sincere praise and honor to God in their daily lives, acknowledging his greatness, mercy, and power.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Acknowledge – Accept or admit the existence of; to admit to be real or true.
2. Blessings – God's favor and protection.
3. Honor – High respect; great esteem.

4. Praise – Express warm approval or admiration of; lifting God up.
5. Thanksgiving – The expression of gratitude, especially to God.
6. Worship – The feeling or expression of reverence and adoration for God.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. We should not wait to give God praises and thanksgiving when we go to the physical church building.
2. We should praise God and give thanks for his goodness and mercies every day of the year, and not only on the fourth Thursday in November.
3. Believers are encouraged to adopt a lifestyle of praise and honor, reflecting on both earthly and heavenly worship.
4. We should always acknowledge God's forgiveness, healing, redemption, and lovingkindness. Psalm 95:1-7
5. What are some things that you are thankful for and why?
Class Discussion

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 150:6 Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

LESSON 70

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

WHO MADE ME A JUDGE OVER YOU?

MOTTO TEXT: Luke 12:14 And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 7:1-5 and Romans 2:1-3

Matthew 7:1-5

1. Judge not, that ye be not judged.
2. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.
3. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?
4. Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye?
5. Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

Romans 2:1-3

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?

PURPOSE - To admonish us not to judge unrighteous, nor condemn or we also will be judged. To show that Jesus' judgement is just and righteous.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Hear *the causes* between your brethren, and judge righteously between *every* man and his brother, and the stranger *that is* with him. Deuteronomy 1:16

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Beam – A long sturdy piece of squared timber; a huge log.
2. Hypocrite – A person who believes, claims, or pretends to be something but their actions are different and disagree with that belief.
3. Inexcusable – Incapable or impossible of being excused or justified.
4. Judge – To express an opinion of someone's behavior.
5. Mote – A tiny piece of a substance; a small particle.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

Who made me a judge over you, and who made you a judge over me? The Bible instructs us not to judge a person. Let the Word of God do the judging; Judge not, that ye be not judged. We are commanded not to speak evil against one another. Young people, do not speak evil against one another. Remember, he that speaks evil of his brother, and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law, and judges the law. If you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law, but a judge. There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judges another? God is the righteous judge.

Let us stop judging by appearances only. Let us judge righteously using God's Word as our guide. Don't be a hypocrite, judging someone, and yet we're doing the same and sometimes even more. Matthew 7:5 tells us, Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

Lesson Assignment: Write a one (1) page essay on the dangers of judging our brothers and sisters in an ungodly way. Give supporting scriptures.

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad.

LESSON 71

DECEMBER 7, 2025

SATAN DECEIVED EVE BUT CAUSED BOTH ADAM AND EVE TO SIN

MOTTO TEXT: 1 Timothy 2:14-15 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

ENTIRE LESSON: Genesis 3:1-24

1. Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD

- God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?
2. And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:
 3. But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.
 4. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:
 5. For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.
 6. And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.
 7. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.
 8. And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.
 9. And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where *art* thou?
 10. And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I *was* naked; and I hid myself.
 11. And he said, Who told thee that thou *wast* naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?
 12. And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.
 13. And the LORD God said unto the woman, What *is* this *that* thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.
 14. And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou *art* cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:
 15. And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.
 16. Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire *shall be* to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.
 17. And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed *is* the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat *of* it all the days of thy life;
 18. Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;
 19. In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou *art*, and unto dust shalt thou return.
 20. And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.
 21. Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.
 22. And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of

life, and eat, and live for ever:

23. Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.
24. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

PURPOSE – To tell the bible story of the temptation of man, the first human sin and how man became separated from God.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION – James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Beguiled: To win and hold somebody's attention, interest, or devotion. The enemy will often engage you in conversation to deceive or misinterpret the scriptures. It is better not to allow him to talk with you because you already know what God has said.
2. Enmity: Hostility, hatred, ill will, bad feeling. The serpent was punished by God for his deception of Eve because he enticed her to disobey God.
3. Keep the way: To block someone's path, to guard or to protect. The cherubims were placed at the east of the Garden of Eden to prevent Adam and Eve from returning there after God drove them out.
4. Sobriety: The quality of being serious and thoughtful, calm clear-headed. God needs His children to be committed to obeying his Word.
5. Subtil: Making use of clever and indirect methods to achieve something. Satan is very cunning and was more so than any of the other beasts that God made. We must be aware of him because his purpose is to kill, to steal and to destroy everything and everyone who belongs to God.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. The serpent (devil) was more subtil than any other beast.
In your own words talk about what this means.
2. In this lesson, how did God reveal to Adam and Eve his knowledge of their eating from the forbidden tree?
Do you think God knows when you have disobeyed Him?
3. Were Adam and Eve afraid after being disobedient?
If so how did they show their fear? What rules have you ever broken and how were you exposed?
4. Adam, Eve and the serpent were punished by God.
Name the way each of them tried to justify their actions and what were the results.
5. The whole world suffered from the disobedience of Adam and Eve.
Have you been guilty of breaking rules and it affected someone else? Discuss how it happened.

MEMORY VERSE: Revelation 13:13-14 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the

sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

LESSON 72

DECEMBER 14, 2025

THE WISDOM OF THE WISE

MOTTO TEXT: 1 Corinthians 1:19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

ENTIRE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:11-31

11. For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you.
12. Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ.
13. Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?
14. I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius;
15. Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name.
16. And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other.
17. For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.
18. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.
19. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.
20. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?
21. For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.
22. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:
23. But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;
24. But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.
25. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.
26. For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:
27. But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;
28. And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:
29. That no flesh should glory in his presence.

30. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:
31. That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

PURPOSE - To show that the wisdom of the wise and the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God and that God will destroy the wisdom of the wise and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

PRACTICAL POINT - Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee. Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. Proverbs 4:5-7

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Discern – To perceive or recognize something.
2. Discreet – Careful and circumspect in one's speech or actions, especially to avoid causing offense.
3. Foolishness – Lack of good sense or judgement; stupidity.
4. Prudent – Being wise, sensible, discreet.
5. Wisdom – The quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgment; the quality of being wise.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Explain and Discuss Proverbs 29:11, A fool utters all his mind: but a wise man keeps it in till afterwards.
Class Discussion
2. Write an essay showing why it is imperative to be filled with God's wisdom and not the wisdom of man. Be sure to use scriptures to support and defend your belief.
Class Discussion

MEMORY VERSE: James 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

LESSON 73

DECEMBER 21, 2025

CHRISTMAS LESSON THE GREATEST BIRTHDAY EVER

MOTTO TEXT: Luke 2:10-11 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 1:18-25

18. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the

Holy Ghost.

19. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.
20. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.
21. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.
22. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,
23. Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.
24. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:
25. And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

PURPOSE - To celebrate Jesus as King and to prove that there is no greater birthday under heaven, given among men, that we can celebrate than Jesus.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - We rejoice today as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. The actual date of his birth remains unknown, but our purpose and our praise are real. Therefore, in everything we give thanks, as we celebrate Jesus.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Public – existing in open view, the community.
2. Conceived – to become pregnant with (a child).
3. Interpreted – to decide what the intended meaning of something is.
4. Celebrate – to do something special or enjoyable for an important event, occasion, holiday, etc.
5. Overshadow – to exceed in importance.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

When Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Joseph, being a just man, was minded to put her away privately. However, an angel of the Lord appeared to him a dream saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

1. Why did the angel of the Lord call Joseph son of David?
Give answer from Matthew 1:20
2. Who is the Prophet?
Give answer from Matthew 1:22
3. What is the meaning of Emmanuel?
Give answer from Matthew 1:23
4. Should the birth of Jesus be celebrated every day?
Class discussion.
5. How is the birth of Jesus real in your life?
Class discussion.

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

LESSON 74

DECEMBER 28, 2025

PRAISE HIM

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 134:1-3 Behold, bless ye the LORD, all ye servants of the LORD, which by night stand in the house of the LORD. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the LORD. The Lord that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.

ENTIRE LESSON: Revelation 5:1-14

1. And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.
2. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?
3. And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.
4. And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.
5. And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.
6. And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.
7. And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.
8. And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.
9. And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;
10. And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.
11. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;
12. Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.
13. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.
14. And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and

worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

PURPOSE - To show that we must give God all praise, glory and honor.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his ways. Psalm 128:1

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Praise – To glorify, an expression of commendation, to celebrate, to exalt, to magnify, to bless.
2. Prevail – To triumph, to use persuasion successfully, to hold up or hold out.
3. Proclaim – To declare publicly, to announce openly, to praise or glorify publicly.
4. Throne – The chair of a high dignitary, the seat of a deity.
5. Vial – A small closed or closable vessel used especially for liquids.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

We were created to praise the Lord and give him glory. We have a mouth and tongue built to utter words of adoration. We have hands constructed to raise a praise, and clap the sound of joy. We have legs to kneel in worship, leap for joy, and run in excitement. We have our feet to stomp in adulation and dance in exaltation. Yes, you definitely have many reasons and a right to praise God.

The Lord made you as his workmanship and masterpiece. You have greatness on the inside of you because the Lord placed his great spirit of life inside you. Nay in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us! As you can see in our lesson, the angels, the beasts, and the elders in heaven that numbered ten thousand times ten thousand of them are praising and worshipping the Lamb of God. The Bible says let everything that hath breath, praise ye the Lord! That includes you also.

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Samuel 6:14 And David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod.

LESSON 75

JANUARY 4, 2026

NEW YEAR'S LESSON BEGIN BY BEING FAITHFUL

MOTTO TEXT: 1 Corinthians 4:2 Moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 25:14-30; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Luke 16:10-12
Matthew 25:14-30

14. For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.
15. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.
16. Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.

17. And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.
18. But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.
19. After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.
20. And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.
21. His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.
22. He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.
23. His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.
24. Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:
25. And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.
26. His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:
27. Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.
28. Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.
29. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.
30. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

1. Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.
2. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.
3. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self.
4. For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord.
5. Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

Luke 16:10-12

10. He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.
11. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?
12. And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

PURPOSE - To highlight the importance of beginning the Christian journey by being faithful.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Encourage believers to start their Christian journey by being faithful in the little things, recognizing that faithfulness leads to greater responsibilities in God's kingdom.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Faithful – Remaining loyal and steadfast.
2. Mammon – Wealth or riches regarded as an evil influence or false object of worship and devotion.
3. Resolution – A firm decision to do or not to do something.
4. Steward – A person who manages another's property or financial affairs.
5. Talent – Natural aptitude or skill; it can also be a unit of money.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. What are some resolutions or goals that you desire to achieve and bring into fruition this coming year?
Answer Individually
2. Compare and contrast the parables in Matthew 25:14-30 and Luke 16:10-12, to this present time in the 21st century.
What are they saying to the present day church? Class Discussion
3. Would you consider yourself to be a “good” steward?
Explain and share in class discussion
4. As children of God, we should be faithful unto death.
True___ False___
5. What are some things that can help you be more faithful in the coming year?
Class Discussion

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Corinthians 4:2 Moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

THEME VII
THE JOY OF LIVING HOLY

For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but
righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.
For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God,
and approved of men.
Romans 14:17-18

LESSONS 76 – 84

LESSON 76

JANUARY 11, 2026

DO NOT LIE TO ONE ANOTHER

MOTTO TEXT: Colossians 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds.

ENTIRE LESSON: Colossians 3:1-17

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

17. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

PURPOSE - To pray that the Lord will deliver our soul, from lying lips, *and* keep our mouth from a deceitful tongue. Psalm 120:2

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Put away lying. All liars, shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone. Revelation 21:8

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Affection: a feeling of liking or caring for someone or something, tender attachment.
2. Bowels of mercy: innate compassion, kindness, humbleness, or forgiveness
3. Filthy communication: vulgar, obscene, corrupt speaking which comes out of the mouth.
4. Inordinate: excessive ill regulated, immoderate, extreme or extravagant
5. Malice: the intention or desire to do evil. Spiteful, wrongful, or wickedness.
6. Mortify: to subdue, to discipline oneself, to put to death, to take away.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. If you're always truthful, you won't ever be called a liar.
Is this a true statement? Defend your response.
2. Name some ways an unbeliever lives.
Have you put off these ways?
How did you do this?
3. True believers set their affections above.
How is this accomplished and why is it so important?
4. Do you believe in white lies or small lies?
Defend your position.
5. How does your lifestyle demonstrate to others that you are a believer?
Share your answers.
6. Do you know any songs, hymns or psalms that you can share with others to uplift them?
If not where could you find some? Perhaps you could search for and make a list of them.

MEMORY VERSE: John 8:44 Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

LESSON 77

JANUARY 18, 2026

**BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL
FOR THEY SHALL RECEIVE MERCY**

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 5:1-2, 7 And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

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 show that if we are merciful to others, God will be merciful to us. If we are to be truly blessed, we must show mercy to all.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - By showing mercy to others, we are doing the will of God and keeping his commandments.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Besought - to beg, to request earnestly, to plead.
2. Compassion - sympathy, to show kindness, to have mercy, to extend pity.
3. Pence - plural of a penny.
4. Reckon - to regard, to think, to consider.
5. Wroth - angry, indignant, outraged, infuriated.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

God promised blessings and favor to those who are merciful. In Matthew 5:7, Jesus says "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy." The Word of God not only confirms that we are blessed when we show mercy, we will also obtain mercy. Have

you ever needed mercy? Give an example, and explain how it made you feel when you did receive mercy. Showing mercy to your neighbor is an act of kindness and compassion, which is what God gives us everyday of our lives even if we do not deserve it. Discuss what would happen, and how would you feel if God denied you mercy? Since God is so loving and kindhearted enough to grant us daily mercy, should we not be merciful to those that may need our mercy?

MEMORY VERSE: Ephesians 2:4-6 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

LESSON 78

JANUARY 25, 2026

GOD IS

MOTTO TEXT: 2 Samuel 22:32-34 For who is God, save the LORD? and who is a rock, save our God? God is my strength and power: and he maketh my way perfect. He maketh my feet like hinds' feet: and setteth me upon my high places.

ENTIRE LESSON: Isaiah 25:1-12

1. LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.
2. For thou hast made of a city an heap; of a defenced city a ruin: a palace of strangers to be no city; it shall never be built.
3. Therefore shall the strong people glorify thee, the city of the terrible nations shall fear thee.
4. For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall.
5. Thou shalt bring down the noise of strangers, as the heat in a dry place; even the heat with the shadow of a cloud: the branch of the terrible ones shall be brought low.
6. And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined.
7. And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations.
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.
9. And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.
10. For in this mountain shall the hand of the LORD rest, and Moab shall be trodden down under him, even as straw is trodden down for the dunghill.

11. And he shall spread forth his hands in the midst of them, as he that swimmeth spreadeth forth his hands to swim: and he shall bring down their pride together with the spoils of their hands.
12. And the fortress of the high fort of thy walls shall he bring down, lay low, and bring to the ground, even to the dust.

PURPOSE - To give God praise. To recognize that he alone is God and there is none else, there is no God beside him.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - 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. 1 Corinthians 8:6

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Counsel - advice, consultation, plan of action.
2. Exalt - to raise to rank, to elevate, to praise or glorify.
3. Fortress - a fortified place, stronghold, a place of defense.
4. Hind - a female deer, especially a red deer.
5. Trodden - stepped or walked on, to beat or press down with the feet.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

God is the God of all gods, and the Lord of all lords, and the King of all kings! He is the creator of all things, the Glory of all glories, the Wisdom of all knowledge, the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. When it come to God, as David said in Psalm 139:6 “Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.” If we had ten thousand tongues we still could not praise God enough for who he is and for what he has done! God is worthy of our worship; He is worthy of our adoration, our glory, our time, our sacrifice, our communion, and our commitment. God is constantly and consistently giving us more than enough, therefore he deserves more from us.

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Timothy 1:17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

LESSON 79

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

IN THE BEGINNING

MOTTO TEXT: Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

ENTIRE LESSON: Genesis 1:1-31

1. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
2. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.
3. And God said, let there be light: and there was light.
4. And God saw the light, that *it was* good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

5. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.
6. And God said, let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.
7. And God made the firmament and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament: and it was so.
8. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.
9. And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry *land* appear: and it was so.
10. And God called the dry *land* Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that *it was* good.
11. And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, *and* the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed *is* in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.
12. And the earth brought forth grass, *and* herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed *was* in itself, after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.
13. And the evening and the morning were the third day.
14. And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:
15. And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.
16. And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: *he made* the stars also.
17. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,
18. And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that *it was* good.
19. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.
20. And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl *that* may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.
21. And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.
22. And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.
23. And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.
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 everything that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

PURPOSE - Genesis is the first book of the Hebrew Bible. It tells the story of the creation and how the world was made.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - In six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day, and hallowed it. Exodus 20:11

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Beginning – The point or time in space at which something starts.
2. Create – Bring something into existence.
3. Firmament – The vast solid dome created by God to divide the sea into upper and lower portions so that the dry land could appear; the heavens or sky.
4. Fruitful – Producing or capable of producing offspring or fruit.
5. Multiply – Increase or cause to increase greatly in number or quantity.
6. Replenish – To restore or to fill again.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

- 1 What is the first book of the Hebrew Bible, and what are the first three words of the Bible?
Genesis is the first book of the Bible, and the first three words of the Bible: In the beginning.
- 2 What does it mean to be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth according to Genesis 1:28?
Class discussion
- 3 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
True ___ False ___
- 4 List some of the things that God created.
According to the entire Lesson (Genesis 1:1-31) Allow class to discuss

MEMORY VERSE: Lamentations 3:22-24 *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. The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore, will I hope in him.*

ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN THE FAITH

MOTTO TEXT: **Colossians 2:6-7** As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

ENTIRE LESSON: Ephesians 3:14-19

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,
18. May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;
19. And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

PURPOSE - To emphasize the importance of being rooted and grounded in the faith, exploring the imagery of a Christian's foundation in Christ, and the depth of understanding God's love.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Encourage believers to strengthen their foundation in Christ through prayer, faith, and a deep understanding of God's love, enabling them to live a life filled with the fulness of God.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Abounding - flourishing, prospering, or overflowing. God wants his people to abound in the faith, to be strong and show great trust in him.
2. According - to bestow something such as a blessing on somebody. God blesses according to our faith and trust in his Word.
3. Comprehend - understand, grasp, follow, or to realize something. Let us strive to understand and obey the commandments of God.
4. Grounded - to be firm, stable, unmoveable. The Holy Ghost will keep the believer firm and will not change their belief in the doctrine of Jesus Christ.
5. Inner man - the soul or the spiritual or intellectual part of a man. The riches of God's glory will strengthen the inner man.
6. Rooted - having developed from the faith something that is the foundation of your belief. Our faith is built on the blood of Jesus.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Faith is an action word. It is demonstrated by your works. What works do you engage in that demonstrates your faith? Class should discuss the question.
2. The Word of God says that without faith it is impossible to please God. Why is faith so important to God?
3. List as many instances as you know of that showed a person's faith in God.

Share your own testimony if you desire.

4. Did or do you have firm faith that God would give you the gift of the Holy Ghost? How do you know?
5. This lesson encourages us to be rooted and grounded in our faith. How is this possible and what help can we receive if our faith isn't as strong as it needs to be?
6. Faith comes by hearing, what are you listening to that will build your faith?
7. It is utterly necessary to have faith in our Christian walk. If we do not believe God's doctrine and obey it, we will not gain eternal life. We can pray and ask God to increase our faith, and he will answer our prayer.

MEMORY VERSE: Colossians 2:6-7 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

LESSON 81

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD

MOTTO TEXT: James 2:26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

ENTIRE LESSON: James 2:14-26

14. What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith and hath not works? Can faith save him?
15. If a brother or sister be naked and destitute of daily food,
16. And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body, what doth it profit?
17. Even so, faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.
18. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works.
19. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe and tremble.
20. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?
21. Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?
22. Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?
23. And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness, and he was called the Friend of God.
24. Ye see, then, how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.
25. Likewise also, was not Rahab the harlot justified by works when she had received the messengers and had sent them out another way?
26. For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

PURPOSE - To convey the essential principle that faith without works is dead, exploring the relationship between faith and action in the Christian life.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Encourage believers to demonstrate their faith through actions, recognizing that a vibrant faith is evidenced by corresponding works of love, compassion, and obedience.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Action – A thing that is done, and not merely thought of or spoken about.
2. Dead – Something that does not have or appears to have life; no longer alive.
3. Faith – Complete confidence or trust in someone or something.
4. Substance – The real physical matter of which a person or thing consists of, and which has a tangible, solid presence.
5. Works – A task or tasks to be undertaken or done; something a person or thing must do.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. What is the connection between faith and works according to James 2:14-17 in today's lesson?
Study the scripture text; write a one-page essay; and discuss with the class.

MEMORY VERSE: James 2:26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

LESSON 82

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

WE WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT

MOTTO TEXT: 2 Corinthians 5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight:

ENTIRE LESSON: Hebrews 11:1-3, 6

Hebrews 11:1-3

1. Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
2. For by it the elders obtained a good report.
3. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Hebrews 11:6

6. But without faith, it is impossible to please him, for he that cometh to God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

PURPOSE - To emphasize the fundamental principle of walking by faith, exploring its substance, evidence, and the pleasing nature of faith to God.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Encourage believers to embrace a lifestyle of walking by faith, trusting in the unseen, and diligently seeking God with the assurance of his reward.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Evidence – Something that furnishes proof; grounds for belief.

2. Faith – Complete trust or confidence in someone or something.
3. Hope – A feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen.
4. Sight – The faculty or power of seeing.
5. Substance – The real physical matter of which a person or thing consists of, and which has a tangible, solid presence.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Faith is the substance of things hoped for.
True _____ False _____
2. Walking by faith and diligently seeking God pleases God.
True _____ False _____
3. We walk by faith and not by sight.
True _____ False _____
4. Share and discuss with the class a time where you exercised (walked by) faith in God, to bring something to pass. How did you react and respond, and what was the outcome?
Class Discussion
5. Name some Biblical characters that exercised faith in God. Give supporting scriptures.
Class Discussion

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Corinthians 5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

LESSON 83

MARCH 1, 2026

YOUTH DAY A PROMISE TO FOLLOW JESUS

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 16:24 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.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 4:18-22

18. And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.
19. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.
20. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.
21. And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.
22. And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.

PURPOSE - To emphasize the call to follow Jesus.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Encourage believers to respond to the call of Jesus, deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow him in a life of discipleship.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Call – God’s initiative to bring people to Christ and to participate in his redemptive work in the world.
2. Disciple – A personal follower of Jesus.
3. Deny – To give up and lay down your own will, thoughts, and ways.
4. Follow – To go or come after someone who is the guide or leader.
5. Straightway – In a direct course; immediately, without delay or hesitation.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

Young people, it is imperative that you heed the call to follow Jesus! Following Jesus requires a willingness to deny oneself, take up the cross, and live a faithful and obedient life to the honor and glory of God. Once you do this, you will become a disciple of Christ, and you will be empowered to help others come to him. This is what today’s lesson emphasizes when Jesus says, I will make you fishers of men.

1. Write a one (1) page essay stating the importance of denying yourself and following Jesus. Be sure to include the types of things that must be denied, as well as the benefits of following Jesus.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 16:24 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.

LESSON 84

MARCH 8, 2026

HEAVEN IS EVERLASTING

MOTTO TEXT: John 11:25-26 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

ENTIRE LESSON: Revelation 21:1-14

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 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.

PURPOSE - To give biblical proof that the dead shall live again in a place called heaven.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Abominable - detestable, disgusting, hatred, extremely bad
2. Brimstone - burning stones, coals of fire, glowing hot
3. Plague - destructive affliction, epidemic, disease causing death
4. Resurrection - rising from the dead, rebirth, to come back to life
5. Tabernacle - house of worship, building or tent used for evangelistic services

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Discuss how different heaven is from the earth.
What will there be no more of in heaven?
2. See verse # 4.
Who shall inherit all things according to verse #7?
3. Who shall have their part in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone?
See verse #8.
4. What must you do to go to heaven?
You must be born again: John 3:3. You must believe in Jesus Christ: John 11:25.
You must call upon the name of the Lord: Romans 10:13. You must repent and receive the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:38.

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Timothy 4:7-8 I have fought a good fight, I have finished *my* course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

THEME VIII

GOD'S SERVANT LEADER

Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

I Peter 5:2-4

LESSONS 85 – 104

LESSON 85

MARCH 15, 2026

LEADERSHIP RULING ACCORDING TO GOD'S LAW

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 72:2 He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment.

ENTIRE LESSON: Romans 13:1-14

1. Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.
2. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.
3. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:
4. For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.
5. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.
6. For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.
7. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.
8. Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.
9. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
10. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.
11. And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.
12. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

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

PURPOSE – To show that we must keep the charge of the LORD, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that we may prosper in all that we do. 1 Kings 2:3

PRACTICAL APPLICATION – Do not turn aside from the word of God.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Leadership – The action of leading a group of people or an organization.
2. Law – A rule of action or conduct.
3. Damnation – Doom to suffer horribly in hell.
4. Conscience – A judgment of reason.
5. Chambering – Lewdness, sexual immorality.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

Leaders ruling, according to God's law, must follow his guidance as they lead God's people. God promised success to the obedient leader. Leaders and followers must realize their actions have consequences. God will do just what He said, His word is true.

1. What will happen to those who resist God's power?
They that resist God's power shall receive to themselves damnation.
2. How can we fulfill the law?
By owing no man anything, but to love one another, for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law (verse 8).
3. Are you keeping God's statutes, commandments, judgments, and testimonies?
Answer individually
4. Leaders are to observe the requirements of God.
True ___ False ___

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 86

MARCH 22, 2026

CAN YOU LOSE YOUR ANOINTING?

MOTTO TEXT: Judges 16:20-21 And she said, The Philistines *be* upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him.

ENTIRE LESSON: Judges 16:1-20

1. Then went Samson to Gaza, and saw there an harlot, and went in unto her.

2. *And it was told* the Gazites, saying, Samson is come hither. And they compassed *him* in, and laid wait for him all night in the gate of the city, and were quiet all the night, saying, In the morning, when it is day, we shall kill him.
3. And Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and took the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and went away with them, bar, and all, and put *them* upon his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of an hill that *is* before Hebron.
4. And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name *was* Delilah.
5. And the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength *lieth*, and by what *means* we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to afflict him: and we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred *pieces* of silver.
6. And Delilah said to Samson, Tell me, I pray thee, wherein thy great strength *lieth*, and wherewith thou mightest be bound to afflict thee.
7. And Samson said unto her, If they bind me with seven green withs that were never dried, then shall I be weak, and be as another man.
8. Then the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven green withs which had not been dried, and she bound him with them.
9. Now *there were* men lying in wait, abiding with her in the chamber. And she said unto him, The Philistines *be* upon thee, Samson. And he brake the withs, as a thread of tow is broken when it toucheth the fire. So his strength was not known.
10. And Delilah said unto Samson, Behold, thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: now tell me, I pray thee, wherewith thou mightest be bound.
11. And he said unto her, If they bind me fast with new ropes that never were occupied, then shall I be weak, and be as another man.
12. Delilah therefore took new ropes, and bound him therewith, and said unto him, The Philistines *be* upon thee, Samson. And *there were* liers in wait abiding in the chamber. And he brake them from off his arms like a thread.
13. And Delilah said unto Samson, Hitherto thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: tell me wherewith thou mightest be bound. And he said unto her, If thou weavest the seven locks of my head with the web.
14. And she fastened *it* with the pin, and said unto him, The Philistines *be* upon thee, Samson. And he awaked out of his sleep, and went away with the pin of the beam, and with the web.
15. And she said unto him, How canst thou say, I love thee, when thine heart *is* not with me? thou hast mocked me these three times, and hast not told me wherein thy great strength *lieth*.
16. And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, so that his soul *was* vexed unto death;
17. That he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I *have been* a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any *other* man.
18. And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come up this once, for he hath shewed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up unto her and brought money in their hand.

19. And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him.
20. And she said, The Philistines *be* upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him.

PURPOSE - To prove that you can lose your anointing. You must obey God, live a holy life, and do that which is right in the sight of God, to walk in God's anointing.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - No man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. 1 Corinthians 12:3 Follow peace with all *men*, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. Hebrews 12:14

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Anointing – The indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer.
2. Shaven – The removal of hair by using a razor or any other blade.
3. Strength – The state of being physically strong.
4. Philistine – The Philistines were an ancient people who lived on the south coast of Canaan during the Iron Age.
5. Samson – Legendary Israelite warrior and judge, divinely inspired leader, renowned for the prodigious (extremely impressive) strength that he derived from his uncut hair.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. What did Delilah say to Samson for him to reveal his strength?
Tell me, I pray thee, wherein thy great strength lieth, and wherewith thou mightiest be bound to afflict thee.
2. How did Samson escape the plot of the Gazites who wanted him dead in the morning?
Samson arose at midnight and took the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and went away with them, bar and all.
3. Did Samson know that his strength had left him?
Answer Individually, read verses 19-20 of the lesson.
4. What lessons can we learn from Samson and Delilah?
Answer Individually
5. How can you walk in your anointing?
I can walk in my anointing by obeying God, live a holy life, and do that which is right in the sight of God.

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Peter 2:20-23 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. 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. 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.

PALM SUNDAY VICTORY IS MINE

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 118:24 This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

ENTIRE LESSON: Luke 19:28-44

28. And when he had thus spoken, he went before, ascending up to Jerusalem.
29. And it came to pass, when he was come nigh to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount called the mount of
30. Olives, he sent two of his disciples, Saying, Go ye into the village over against you; in the which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man sat: loose him, and bring him hither.
31. And if any man ask you, Why do ye loose him? thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of him.
32. And they that were sent went their way, and found even as he had said unto them.
33. And as they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, Why loose ye the colt?
34. And they said, The Lord hath need of him.
35. And they brought him to Jesus: and they cast their garments upon the colt, and they set Jesus thereon.
36. And as he went, they spread their clothes in the way.
37. And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen;
38. Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.
39. And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples.
40. And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.
41. And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it,
42. Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.
43. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side,
44. And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

PURPOSE - To center the lesson around the victorious entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, emphasizing the significance of his triumph.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Encourage believers to recognize Jesus as the victorious King who brings salvation, and to celebrate the triumphal entry with joy and gratitude.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

Victory is mine, victory is mine, victory today is mine, I told Satan to get thee behind, victory today is mine! This is the day that the Lord hath made we shall rejoice and be glad in it. Jesus is the victorious King who brings salvation, we will celebrate his triumphal entry with joy and gratitude.

Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem was prophesied in the Old Testament in the book of Zechariah. Jesus is the long-anticipated king spoken of in Zechariah 9:9, Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion, shout, O daughter of Jerusalem, behold, thy King cometh unto thee; he is just, and having salvation, lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass. They were to celebrate with joy and gladness because their King was coming, they were not forsaken, nor were they abandoned. This prophecy was fulfilled in the New Testament.

1. Colt – a male horse younger than four years old.
2. Pharisees – a member of an ancient Jewish sect, distinguished by strict observance of the traditional and written law.
3. Multitude – a large number of people or things.
4. Triumphal – made, carried out, or used in the celebration of a great victory or achievement.
5. Gratitude – the quality of being thankful.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. What was placed on the road to prepare for Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem?
Class discussion
2. What is the significance of Palm Sunday?
Class discussion
3. Palm Sunday is the day that we remember and celebrate Jesus entering Jerusalem as Savior and King.
Class discussion
4. Jesus sent his disciples to bring him a colt that had never been used, Why?
Answer individually
5. What have you learned from this lesson that will help you understand better that you do have victory, not tomorrow or next week, but today?
Answer individually
6. Fill in the blanks: This is the day which the _____ has made, we will _____ and be glad in it.
7. What do the Palm branches symbolize?
 - a. Goodness and victory.
 - b. Decoration
 - c. They were used for shade.
8. The triumphal entry is one of the few incidents in the life of Jesus that all four gospel writers have an account of. Matthew 21:1-17, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:29-40, John 12:12-19 Class discussion

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 118:24 This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

EASTER SUNDAY UNSPEAKABLE JOY

MOTTO TEXT: **Luke 24:5b-6a** Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen.

ENTIRE LESSON: Luke 24:1-12

1. Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them.
2. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.
3. And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.
4. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:
5. And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?
6. He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,
7. Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.
8. And they remembered his words,
9. And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest.
10. It was Mary Magdalene and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles.
11. And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not.
12. 12. Then arose Peter, and ran unto the sepulchre; and stooping down, he beheld the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondering in himself at that which was come to pass.

PURPOSE - To celebrate the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday, focusing on the joy and significance of his victory over death.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Encourage believers to embrace the joy of Easter, recognizing the transformative power of Christ's resurrection in their lives.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Embrace - accept, include, and support, to adopt or take up something, especially a belief or way of life. Believers completely accept the fact that Jesus rose from the dead as a part of God's plan for salvation for mankind.
2. Focusing - concentrated effort or attention on a particular thing. Christians find themselves focusing on the word of God and living holy as a way of life.
3. Idle tales - having no basis in facts or idle gossip. The disciples thought the women's message that Jesus' body was not in the sepulchre was an idle tale. However, it was in fact the truth.

4. Perplexed - filled with uncertainty; baffled. The women didn't understand what had happened when they saw the empty tomb.
5. Sepulchre - a small room or monument cut in rock or built of stone, in which a dead person is laid or buried. Jesus' body was placed in the sepulchre after he was crucified. A large stone was placed in front of the mouth of the sepulchre to prevent the disciples from moving his body as the Roman soldiers believed would happen. We believe that God's Spirit raised Jesus from the dead and will raise our bodies in the day when he comes for the saints.
6. Thereabout – near that place, or approximate place where a person or thing is. The women were baffled about the scene inside the sepulchre when they did not see Jesus' body but two men in shining clothes who asked them why they were seeking the living among the dead. The men reminded them about the words that Jesus spoke about before he was crucified.
7. Unspeakable - indescribable, unbelievable, beyond words. The women were so perplexed about all these happenings, they just didn't know what to make of it. Have you ever been in a situation that you found it very difficult to explain? What happened?

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Following his crucifixion, Jesus' body was placed in a sepulchre. The women came to anoint his body. When they arrived the stone covering the mouth of the sepulchre had been rolled away.
Describe in your own words what they might have thought about this. What do you think your feelings would have been?
2. Jesus told his disciples that he would die but would arise on the third day.
So you think they believed him?
Discuss how you would defend your belief that Jesus indeed rose from the dead.
3. The women entered the sepulchre looking for Jesus' body.
What did they see? Demonstrate what you think happened as they interacted with each other.
4. The angels said, "Why seek ye the living among the dead?"
Suppose you were asked this question by an unbeliever who thinks Jesus is still dead, how would you respond?
5. Do you experience the joy of victory Jesus got over the grave by his resurrection? Encourage a lively discussion. What does his resurrection mean to you?

MEMORY VERSE: Luke 24:5b-6a Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen.

LESSON 89

APRIL 12, 2026

DRINK FROM THE CUP

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 116:13 I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 26:36-46

36. Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.
37. And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.
38. Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.
39. And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou *wilt*.
40. And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?
41. Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.
42. He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.
43. And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy.
44. And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.
45. Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take *your* rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.
46. Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.

PURPOSE - To instruct us in the way that we should go. Drinking from our spiritual cup will lead us to eternal life.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - The life is in the blood.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Cup of salvation: The cup of redemption which represented Jesus' blood that was shed for forgiveness of sin.
2. Enter into temptation: To be overcome and oppressed by worldly cares. Always be faithful and trust in God's promises, knowing that a way of escape is provided for you.
3. Exceeding sorrowful: Deeply grieved. Jesus was so full of sorrow (grief) that He wanted this cup of suffering to be passed from him. However, he submitted himself unto the will of God.
4. Gethsemane: A garden at the foot of Mount Olives where Jesus was arrested following his betrayal by Judas Iscariot. We must be careful not to betray Jesus by word or deed in this evil world.
5. Watch with me: Be alert and aware of anything that might occur unexpectedly. Jesus asked the three disciples that accompanied him to watch with him while he prayed.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. What do you believe was in Jesus' cup that He prayed about? Why did it cause him so much anguish to drink from it?
Discuss your answers.
2. Jesus chose certain disciples to accompany him, why not take all of them?
Do you have a prayer partner/s?
Explain your reasons.
3. What is the significance of Jesus choice of going to Gethsemane to pray?
Do you also have a special place to pray? Why or why not?
4. The chosen disciples were unable to stay awake and watch with Jesus as he went apart to pray.
Was it important for them to watch? What is the purpose of watching?
5. This lesson exhorts (teaches) us to watch and pray.
Discuss the reason/s for this exhortation and how we watch and pray.
6. How do we avoid entering into temptation by watching?

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 20:23 And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but *it shall be given to them* for whom it is prepared of my Father.

LESSON 90

APRIL 19, 2026

SOUND DOCTRINE THAT CANNOT BE DISPUTED

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 7:24-25 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: 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.

ENTIRE LESSON: Titus 2:1-15

1. But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:
2. That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.
3. The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;
4. That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,
5. To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.
6. Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded.
7. In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,
8. Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

9. Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again;
10. Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.
11. For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,
12. Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;
13. Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;
14. Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.
15. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

PURPOSE - Preach the word; to be instant in season, and out of season; to reprove, rebuke, and exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 2 Timothy 4:2

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Dispute – To engage in argument, to call into question, to oppose or struggle against.
2. Doctrine – The teaching and instruction of what we believe.
3. Grave – Significantly serious, solemn, sedate.
4. Sober – Marked by moderation or seriousness, showing no excessive or extreme emotions.
5. Temperate – Self-controlling, keeping or held within limits, not extreme or excessive.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

The House of God, Which is the Church of the Living God the Pillar and Ground of the Truth, Without Controversy Inc. Keith Dominion, believes and firmly teach sound doctrine that is indisputable. The reason the doctrine of our church is sound and indisputable, is because it is the doctrine of Jesus Christ who spoke the indisputable truth of his heavenly Father. It is so important that we learn and implement sound doctrine so that no one or anything can persuade or mislead us otherwise.

As students of the Sunday Bible School of this great church, you can be confident that you are being taught sound doctrine that will stand the test of scrutiny and inquiry. Let us all speak and live the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. John 8:32 – “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 7:26-27 And everyone that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: 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.

THE BEHAVIOR OF A BISHOP

MOTTO TEXT: 1 Timothy 3:2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

ENTIRE LESSON: 1 Timothy 3:1-16

1. This is a true saying, if a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.
2. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach.
3. Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;
4. One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;
5. (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)
6. Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.
7. Moreover, he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.
8. Likewise, must the deacons be grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;
9. Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.
10. And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless.
11. Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.
12. Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.
13. For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.
14. These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly:
15. 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.
16. 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.

PURPOSE - To set forth the correct biblical pattern for understanding what the Bible teaches about holding certain office or positions in the church.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - To avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. 1 Corinthians 7:2

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Brawler – To quarrel or fight noisily, to make a loud confused noise, to argue, dispute.

2. Gravity – Dignity, seriousness, earnest, solemnness.
3. Hospitality – Readily receptive, friendly, cordial, sociable, open to new ideas.
4. Lucre – Monetary gain in a dishonorable way, profit.
5. Vigilant – Alert, watchful, attentive.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

Those of you that desire to hold the official position and appointment of a Bishop must understand the biblical requirements of such an office. The behavior of a bishop holds a higher standard and greater expectation than that of a layman. A Bishop is a leader that is expected to lead by example and his behavior should reflect that of a goodly and godly person. He is expected and directed by God to be blameless, vigilant, hospitable, sober, the husband of one wife, apt to teach, good behavior, good report, patient, rule well their house, and have their children in subjection.

There are some things a bishop should not do as well; he should not be given to wine, not a striker, not greedy of filthy lucre, not a brawler, not covetous, and not a novice. He that desires the office of a bishop desires a good work. I Timothy the 3rd chapter also list the behavior of deacons as well; note the similar requirements of a Bishop and a Deacon.

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Corinthians 7:10-11 And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband: But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife.

LESSON 92

MAY 3, 2026

NATIONAL PRAYER DAY PRAY AS IF YOUR LIFE DEPENDED ON IT

MOTTO TEXT: James 5:16b The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

ENTIRE LESSON: James 5:13-18

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.
17. Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.
18. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

PURPOSE - To emphasize the transformative power and effectiveness of fervent and righteous prayer, drawing insights from the teachings in the book of James.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Encourage believers to pray without ceasing because God answers prayers.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Afflicted - distressed, hurt, troubled, or to make miserable. Saints are taught in the Bible that they may suffer afflictions, but God will deliver them out of them all. We're all encouraged by this promise.
2. Availeth - to help, to assist, or to benefit and to produce or result as an advantage. The fervent prayer of the righteous will benefit others.
3. Earnestly - sincerely, intently, seriously, or deeply. When Elias prayed earnestly for the rain to stop coming down, it didn't rain for three years and six months. Let's pray earnestly to the Lord and watch him work on our behalf.
4. Elders - leaders, or seniors. When you're sick you can ask the elders for prayer. It's not always those with titles of elder but may also refer to saints who are seniors and who live righteously.
5. Passions - desires, appetites, urges, or thirsts. The same kinds of temptations that we encounter, so did Jesus when he was on the earth.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Sicknesses and afflictions hamper us from doing God's work.
What is God's remedy for us? Share your own experiences of moving past sickness/affliction to do what God has called you to do.
2. List some obstacles that hinder your prayer life.
How can they be overcome?
3. This lesson encourages us that are merry to sing psalms.
Are you familiar with any psalms that are sung today? What place can you look in for gospel songs?
4. Fervent prayers availeth much says this lesson.
Explain what this means to you and tell how one prays fervently.
5. Prayer is communication between God and us.
How often do you take time to talk with God? Should we wait until trouble arises before we pray? Why/why not?
6. Do you believe that your life is dependent on the prayers you pray? Can you locate any scriptures to support your belief? Share them with each other.

MEMORY VERSE: James 5:16b The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

LESSON 93

MAY 10, 2026

MOTHER'S DAY A MOTHER'S LOVE CELEBRATED

MOTTO TEXT: Proverbs 31:30 Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

ENTIRE LESSON: Luke 1:26-33, 46-55

Luke 1:26-33

26. And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,
27. To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.
28. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.
29. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.
30. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.
31. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.
32. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:
33. And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Luke 1:46-55

46. And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,
47. And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
48. For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
49. For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name.
50. And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.
51. He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
52. He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.
53. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.
54. He hath helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy;
55. As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.

PURPOSE - To celebrate and honor mothers by exploring the divine significance of Mary's role in the birth of Jesus, emphasizing the virtues of humility and faith.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Encourage everyone to reflect on the qualities of humility and faith exemplified by Mary and how these virtues can inspire and guide mothers in their journey.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Espoused – a formal agreement between the parties then coming under obligation for marriage.
2. Salutation – a gesture or utterance made as a greeting or acknowledgment.
3. Magnify – make something appear larger than it is, to praise highly.
4. Handmaiden – a personal maid or female attendant.
5. Miraculously – in a way that suggests or resembles a miracle.

6. Reassurance – something, such as information, praise, or an action or gesture, that soothes, comforts, or restores to confidence.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

In today's lesson, we learn of a virgin who would miraculously bear the Son of God. The angel Gabriel came to Mary, who was espoused to a man named Joseph. The angel tells Mary that she will bear a son, and to name him Jesus. He will be the promised one, long awaited by the people of Israel. Mary was highly favored by the Lord. The son that she would give birth to shall reign over the house of Jacob forever and of his kingdom, there shall be no end. Mary's baby boy will bring down rulers from their thrones and exalt the poor and humbled. Today we celebrate Mary, the mother of our Lord and Savior. Celebrate your mother today, for the love, nurturing, guidance, values, and encouragement she gives.

1. Who was sent to Mary, and what was the message they brought to her?
Class discussion
2. How did Mary respond and what reassurance did Gabriel give Mary in vs. 28?
Class discussion
3. Fill in the blanks. And he shall _____ over the house of _____ forever; and of his _____, there shall be no end.
4. Joseph told Mary she would give birth to the son of God.
True ____ False ____
5. What are the three things that the angel told Mary?
 - a. Hail, thou that art highly favored.
 - b. The Lord is with thee.
 - c. Blessed art thou among women.
 - d. Your child will be born as a carpenter.
 - e. His name shall be above all names.
6. How are you going to celebrate your mother for her continuous love and guidance?
Answer individually

MEMORY VERSE: Luke 1:46-47 And Mary said, my soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

LESSON 94

MAY 17, 2026

I HATE PUTTING AWAY SAID THE LORD, THE GOD OF ISRAEL

MOTTO TEXT: Malachi 2:16 For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore, take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 19:1-12

1. And it came to pass, that when Jesus had finished these sayings, he departed from Galilee, and came into the coasts of Judaea beyond Jordan;
2. And great multitudes followed him; and he healed them there.
3. The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?
4. And he answered and said unto them, have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,
5. And said, for this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?
6. Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.
7. They say unto him, why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?
8. He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.
9. And I say unto you, whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.
10. His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry.
11. But he said unto them, all men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given.
12. For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.

PURPOSE - To show that when man sinned, he broke the covenant with God for which man was made, which was to multiply and replenish the earth, and to have dominion over every living thing that move upon the earth.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - The man who puts away his wife let him give her a writing of divorcement. The man who puts away his wife except for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced commits adultery. Matthew 5:31-32

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Adultery – Voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and a person who is not his or her spouse.
2. Divorce – The legal dissolution of a marriage by a court or other competent body.
3. Eunuch – A castrated man placed in charge of a harem or employed as a chamberlain in a palace.
4. Fornication – Sexual intercourse between people not married to each other.
5. Suffer – To allow something to happen; to undergo pain or feel distress.
6. Tempt – In the context of today's lesson, it means to test or try someone; to entice.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. From the beginning of creation God made them male and female. Mark 10:6

2. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. Ephesians 5:22
3. God hates putting away, from the beginning it was not so.
4. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church. Ephesians 5:25
5. Explain and discuss the memory verse, Galatians 5:15, But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

MEMORY VERSE: Galatians 5:15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

LESSON 95

MAY 24, 2026

I WILL SHOW YOU THE BRIDE, THE LAMB'S WIFE

MOTTO TEXT: Revelation 21:9 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.

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. 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 anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

PURPOSE - To unveil the heavenly vision of “New Jerusalem” as the bride, the Lamb's wife, emphasizing the glorious and eternal nature of the dwelling place of God's people.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Encourage believers to be a part of the bride, the Lamb's wife, by living a life of faithfulness and obedience to God. The promise is eternal life.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Abominable: Extremely repugnant or offensive, of very bad quality, or very unpleasant to experience. Those who commit very offensive and repugnant sins will have their portion in the lake of fire and brimstone.
2. Adorn: To add to the beauty or glory of something or somebody. The holy city, New Jerusalem which will come down from heaven will look glorious just like a bride adorned for her groom.

3. **Garnish:** To add something as an accompaniment to food or drink that enhances its flavor or appearance. The precious stones that garnished the walls of the holy city reflect the awesome beauty of the dwelling place for the saints of God.
4. **Furlongs:** A measure of distance equal to 220 yards. John saw in this vision the measurements of the walls of the New Jerusalem.
5. **Unveil:** To reveal something that has been hidden or kept secret. John's vision showed the magnificent abode of God's place for those whose names are written in the book of life.
6. **Vials:** A small glass bottle, especially one for medicines. One of the seven angels held in his hand seven vials full of the seven last plagues to be poured upon the earth. What a day of the wrath of God on the unjust and evil doers.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Before the angel showed John the bride, the Lamb's wife, he was holding a vial full of the seven last plagues that will be poured out upon the earth. Why do you think this is significant? Share your thoughts.
2. Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people. What does this mean? List those attributes that cause people to be prepared.
3. From where did the holy city, New Jerusalem, come? Describe the splendor of this new city. Who will be the citizens that will live there?
4. A bride adorns herself so that she will appear glorious in the eyes of her groom. The church is the bride of the Lamb, so list the ways she will adorn herself to appear glorious in the sight of the Lamb.
5. No sin at all will be in heaven. What will wash away the sins of those who will inherit the mansions that Jesus went away to prepare? Are you seriously living so that you will be a part of this glorious church?
6. Every day the bride must be getting ready by living a life of faithfulness and obedience. When the Lamb arrives to receive his bride then it will be time for the wedding feast, the marriage supper of the Lamb.

MEMORY VERSE: Revelation 21:9 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.

LESSON 96

MAY 31, 2026

TRUST AND TRANSPARENCY AND THE IMPACT OF CHANGE IN THE CHURCH

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 91:2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

ENTIRE LESSON: 2 Timothy 4:1-5, Acts 16:1-5 and Romans 10:17-21
2 Timothy 4:1-5

1. 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;
2. Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.
 3. 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;
 4. And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.
 5. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

Acts 16:1-5

1. Then came he to Derbe and Lystra: and, behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timotheus, the son of a certain woman, which was a Jewess, and believed; but his father was a Greek:
2. Which was well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and Iconium.
3. Him would Paul have to go forth with him; and took and circumcised him because of the Jews which were in those quarters: for they knew all that his father was a Greek.
4. And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem.
5. And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily.

Romans 10:17-21

17. So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
18. But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.
19. But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you.
20. But Esaias is very bold, and saith, I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me.
21. But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.

PURPOSE - To understand that to have faith in God we must trust in God. So, then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. Romans 10:17

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - 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.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Charge - To hold accountable; a duty or responsibility to carry out.
2. Conformed - Go along with, the same as.
3. Doctrine - A set of beliefs held and taught by a Church, political party, or other group.
4. Fables - Stories, not true, make believe.
5. Fortress - Fort, protection.
6. Gainsaying - To speak against, deny.
7. Refuge - Safe place.
8. Transparency - See through, clear.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Why should we trust God?
Read the Motto Text.
2. What is Timothy charged to do?
He is charged to obey 2 Timothy 4:2. Read it.
3. According to 2 Timothy 4:3-4, what change will happen in the church?
People will turn away from the truth and would rather obey lies.
4. What is Timothy encouraged to do?
Read 2 Timothy 4:5.
5. What did Paul and Timotheus do to establish churches and to help the eunuch to grow?
According to Acts 16:4, the two had delivered decrees throughout the cities visited.
6. In Romans 10:17, how does Paul explain the transparency of God?
"...faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 12:2 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.

LESSON 97

JUNE 7, 2026

ANOINTED TO PREACH, HEAL AND SET FREE

MOTTO TEXT: Luke 4:18-19 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, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

ENTIRE LESSON: Luke 4:14-21

14. And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee, and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.
15. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.
16. And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up for to read.
17. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,
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,
19. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.
20. And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.
21. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

PURPOSE - To examine Jesus' proclamation of his anointing and mission as recorded in Luke 4, emphasizing his role to preach, heal, and set free.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Encourage believers to embrace Jesus' anointing and engage in preaching the gospel, bringing healing to the brokenhearted, and participating in the work of setting captives free.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Anointing: Confer divine or holy office by smearing, rubbing with oil. The anointing with oil is one of the sacraments of the church, especially during the ordination of officials.
2. Custom: Tradition, norm or routine. Dancing under the power of the Holy Ghost is normal for saints.
3. Emphasizing: Stressing, call attention to or accentuating. The gospel is preached to mankind emphasizing receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
4. Gospel: Christian teaching or revelation of the life of Jesus Christ. The life, death and resurrection of Jesus is taught in the New Testament books of the Bible.
5. Mission: An assignment, task, duty or work. Acts of the Apostles outlines the work of the disciples of Jesus after they received the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost.
6. Proclamation: Declaration, decree or announcement. Jesus proclaimed the fulfillment of scripture in Luke 4:18.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Jesus was anointed to do the work that he accomplished. God anoints believers to work for him.
Do you feel the anointing? If so are you working to spread the gospel? If you're not, why not?
2. It was the custom to be in the tabernacle on the Sabbath day. This is where Jesus was and he stood up to read. We have services scheduled for the Sabbath day. Are you in attendance in those services? We learn about the prophecies of Jesus and how he fulfilled the scriptures during his ministry. It's an opportunity to ask questions and become more knowledgeable about working to help win souls for the up-building of God's kingdom.
3. After the Holy Ghost has come upon you, there should be a burning desire to tell others about God's amazing Spirit that you have received.
Do you have a desire to share the good news that your sins have been forgiven?
4. After Jesus came out of the wilderness, he went into the temple and taught the people and they glorified him.
Isn't it wonderful to praise and glorify God when he delivers you from your temptations? God is to be praised for deliverance!
5. As saints of God, we are expected to teach, preach, testify, witness and to put the devil in his place. Whenever temptations arise, God has already made a way of escape for us.

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 98

JUNE 14, 2026

WE PREACH CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED

MOTTO TEXT: 1 Corinthians 1:23-24 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block and unto the Greeks foolishness, but unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

ENTIRE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:17-31

17. For Christ sent me not to baptize but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.
18. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness, but unto us which are saved, it is the power of God.
19. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.
20. Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this world? Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?
21. For after that, in the wisdom of God, the world by wisdom knew not God; it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.
22. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom,
23. But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block and unto the Greeks foolishness,
24. But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.
25. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.
26. For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called,
27. But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise, and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty,
28. And base things of the world and things which are despised hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are,
29. That no flesh should glory in his presence.
30. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,
31. That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

PURPOSE - To explore Paul's emphasis on preaching Christ crucified and the transformative power of the gospel, highlighting that "we preach Christ and him crucified."

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Encourage believers to center their preaching and proclamation on the crucified Christ, recognizing the profound impact and wisdom embedded in the gospel message.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Base: Corrupt, vile, sordid, and immoral. The base things of the world are despised by God. They are evil and vile.
2. Confound: Confuse, mystify, or baffle. God uses the foolish things of the world to confound the wise.
3. Noble: Honorable, upright, self-sacrificing, or just. Not many wise, mighty or noble men who have worldly wisdom are called by God.
4. Stumbling: Hesitant, uncertain, or faltering. Unto the Jews, the preaching of Christ crucified is a stumbling block.
5. Wisdom: Understanding, knowledge, perception, or insight. Seek after wisdom of spiritual things from God. He will give it to you liberally.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Apostle Paul taught the saints to share the gospel emphasizing Christ Jesus and his crucifixion.
Why is this most important part of the gospel to share? Class discussion should follow.
2. We must expect some unbelievers to reject this gospel.
Should this rejection prevent you from sharing the gospel? Talk about how you handle this rejection.
3. When we preach Christ Jesus' crucifixion, it is a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Greeks. But God's wisdom is greater than that of the Jews and the Greeks. It is the trick of the enemy that blinds the understanding and acceptance of Jesus as God's Son and the savior of the world.
How does this make you feel as a believer and a lover of the souls of others? Share your feelings with each other.
4. List some of the reactions you have encountered among the unsaved members of your family and friends to you as a Holy Ghost filled believer.
5. You must always share the gospel of "*Christ and him Crucified*" because there may be someone who is ready to believe and receive this gospel. Don't be deterred, the wisdom of the world cannot be compared to God's wisdom. Have faith in God!

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Corinthians 1:23-24 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block and unto the Greeks foolishness, but unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

LESSON 99

JUNE 21, 2026

FATHER'S DAY FATHERS LEADING BY EXAMPLE

MOTTO TEXT: Proverbs 20:7 The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him.

ENTIRE LESSON: Joshua 24:15; Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 5:1-2

Joshua 24:15

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

Proverbs 22:6

6. Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Ephesians 5:1-2

1. Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;
2. And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

PURPOSE - To emphasize the influential role fathers play in leading by example, exploring key scriptures that discuss the importance of righteous living for the benefit of their children.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Encourage fathers to lead by example, walking in integrity, love, and devotion to the Lord, Fathers should generate a Godly environment for their children to grow in.

GLOSSARY

1. Amorites - a member of an ancient Semitic people who lived in Mesopotamia, Syria, and Palestine between about 2600 and 1200 BC. God commanded his people not to serve the gods of the Amorites.
2. Integrity - honesty, truth, and uprightness. A father should be honest and truthful in all of his ways.
3. Sweet-smelling - having a sweet, pleasant smell. An honest and holy sacrifice has a sweet smell in God's nostrils.
4. Train-up - To train or educate with skills needed to perform a task. Fathers can teach their children by showing them how to live acceptable lives.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATION

1. A father is the male parent. God wants fathers to demonstrate to their children the method of living right. Compile a list of characteristics a father must possess in order to be a role model for his family.
2. Children will often imitate their fathers in their play. They may pretend going to work, driving a car, playing a sport, etc. What are some other ways children pretend to be dads?
3. The Word of God says fathers are the head of the family (*house*) just as _____ is the head of the _____. Fill in the blanks and compare the two leaders.
4. Discuss the phrase train-up. What do you think this means? Describe the kind of father that follows this definition in bringing up his children.
5. What type of father do you desire?

MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 20:7 The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him.

JESUS: THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

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 1:4-5, 9; 3:19-21**

John 1:4-5

4. In him was life, and the life was the light of men.
5. And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not.

John 1:9

9. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

John 3:19-21

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 reprov'd.
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 affirm Jesus is the Light of the World, exploring the transformative power of his light in dispelling darkness and revealing truth.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Encourage believers to follow Jesus, the Light of the World, embracing his light to dispel darkness in their lives and manifest deeds wrought in God.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Comprehend – To grasp mentally; understand.
2. Condemnation – The expression of a very strong disapproval.
3. Illuminate – To make something visible or bright by shining light on it; to light up.
4. Light – Something that stimulates sight and makes things visible.
5. Manifest – To display, show, or demonstrate.
6. Reprove – To scold or correct usually gently or with kindly intent; to express disapproval.
7. Source – A point of origin; anything, person, or place from which something comes, arises, or is obtained.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Explain and Discuss John 3:19 in today's lesson, "loving darkness rather than light".
Class Discussion
2. What is your first response when you are in difficult situations?
What actions can you take to illuminate the lives of those around you?
Share individual answer with the Class.
3. List some ways that you can allow Jesus to shine in your life so that you may be able to help others come out of darkness?

Discuss individual answer with the Class.

4. Jesus is the Light of the world.

True_____ False_____

5. Give scriptures depicting Jesus as The Light of the world.

Study and Discuss as a Class: John 1st Chapter; Matthew 5:14-16; Psalm 27:1;
you may add others.

MEMORY VERSE: 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.

LESSON 101

JULY 5, 2026

JESUS IS THE ONLY MEDIATOR BETWEEN MAN AND GOD

MOTTO TEXT: 1 Timothy 2:5-6 For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

ENTIRE LESSON: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

1. I exhort, therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men,
2. For kings and for all that are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.
3. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour,
4. Who will have all men to be saved and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.
5. For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,
6. Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.
7. Whereunto I am ordained a preacher and an apostle (I speak the truth in Christ and lie not), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.

PURPOSE – To emphasize the uniqueness of Jesus as the only mediator between God and humanity, highlighting his sacrificial role as the ransom for all.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION – Encourage believers to approach God through Jesus, acknowledging him as the exclusive mediator, and to pray for all people, aligning with God's desire for salvation.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Mediator: A person who stands between two or more parties to bring unity. Jesus is the mediator between God and man.
2. Ransom: Redeem, deliver, restore. Jesus' crucifixion paid the ransom for mankind. His sacrifice pleased God.
3. Testified: Gave evidence, proved, confirmed or bear witness. Holy Ghost filled believers have testified to the goodness of God and his love for his people.

4. Unique: Exclusive, distinctive, matchless, only one of its kind. Isn't it unique that Jesus not only sacrificed his life for us but also is an advocate for us now as well?
5. Verify: Confirm, prove, substantiate, and establish the truth. God did verify that Jesus is his Son on several occasions saying, "This is my beloved Son, hear him."

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. This lesson teaches us to pray for all men.
Name the persons outlined in the entire lesson and explain how this type of prayer benefits you as a believer.
2. Jesus was crucified as the final and ultimate sacrifice for sin.
Have you taken advantage of his sacrifice? Discuss your experience.
3. God has said our prayers of supplication will help us to lead peaceable and quiet lives.
Do you desire this type of life? What is yet needed for the fulfilling of this promise?
4. God doesn't desire that any should be lost.
The class should discuss God's desire for mankind.
5. Even after Jesus has sacrificed his life for us, he continues to be a mediator for us.
How does this fact impact your life as a believer? Share your thoughts.

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Timothy 2:5-6 For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

LESSON 102

JULY 12, 2026

JESUS CHRIST IS LORD TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER

MOTTO TEXT: Philippians 2:9-11 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things on earth and things under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

ENTIRE LESSON: Philippians 2:1-11

1. If there be, therefore, any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,
2. Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.
3. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.
4. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.
5. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus,
6. Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God,

7. But made himself of no reputation and took upon him the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men.
8. And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
9. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name,
10. That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things on earth and things under the earth,
11. And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

PURPOSE - To explore the humility and exaltation of Jesus Christ as outlined in Philippians 2, emphasizing the confession that "Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Encourage believers to adopt the humble mindset of Christ and confess him as Lord, recognizing his exaltation and bringing glory to God the Father through our lives.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Consolation: Comfort, or solace received after suffering a loss, disappointment or in sorrow. We receive consolation from the Holy Ghost when going through hard trials and tribulations in life.
2. Exalted: Elated, lifted up, to become high. Jesus' name was exalted by God because he was obedient even to the death of the cross.
3. Emphasizing: Giving special importance to or drawn attention to. Saints should be of one mind emphasizing that unity and obedience are very important.
4. Like-minded: Having similar opinions, ideas or interests, the same beliefs. The Bible teaches us to have the same mind that Jesus had. He put aside his will and submitted himself to God's will.
5. Vain-glory: Inordinate pride in ones' achievements, excessive vanity. Let us not be desirous of vain-glory. All of the glory belongs to God.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Apostle Paul taught the saints in Philippi to be of one accord, having the same mind.
Why is this teaching so vital to saints?
2. Jesus Christ is God's only begotten Son and is one in the Godhead, yet he was obedient to God.
Do you consider this example when it comes to obeying the commandments of God? Do you have a mind like Christ?
3. God exalted Jesus' name above every name. Every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. God promised if we humble ourselves before him that he would exalt us.
How do you feel about this promise and do you understand what humility means? Talk about it.
4. Being a witness to the world is very important so that unbelievers can have the opportunity to hear the gospel and believe. Tell somebody about Jesus every day.

5. All of God's saints are wise when they win souls. Strive to become wise, so that your family, friends and even strangers can see Jesus in your life. Share as many ways to accomplish this as you can think of.

MEMORY VERSE: Philippians 2:11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

LESSON 103

JULY 19, 2026

GO INTO THE VINEYARD AND WORK

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 20:7 They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 20:1-16

1. For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is a householder, which went out early in the morning to hire laborers into his vineyard.
2. And when he had agreed with the laborers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.
3. And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace
4. And said unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way.
5. Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour and did likewise.
6. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?
7. They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.
8. So when evening was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the laborers and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first.
9. And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny.
10. But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more, and they likewise received every man a penny.
11. And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house,
12. Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day.
13. But he answered one of them and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong. Didst not thou agree with me for a penny?
14. Take that thine is and go thy way. I will give unto this last, even as unto thee.
15. Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil because I am good?
16. So the last shall be first, and the first last, for many be called, but few chosen.

PURPOSE - To understand the parable of the laborers in the vineyard in Matthew 20, emphasizing the generosity of the landowner and the principle of divine justice.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Appointments are not needed to do good work. Believers should actively engage in the work of the kingdom, recognizing that God's generosity and justice transcend human understanding. Whatever you find your hands to do, do it with all your might.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Eleventh hour; the latest hour of the day. God will hire any believer to work in his vineyard for as many or as few years as he desires. All that is required is a willing and obedient mind.
2. Market-place: An open space where things are sold. People use to gather at a market place to wait for employers who need helpers.
3. Ninth hour: Three PM. The house holder went out at 3 PM and hired workers who were standing in the market place.
4. Sixth hour: Noon. Saints can go out at the noon hour and be a witness for the up-building of God's kingdom.
5. Vineyard: A place where food is grown naturally and symbolizes sinners who need to hear the good news of Jesus Christ and how he sacrificed his life for their sins.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. The house-holder first hired laborers to work in his vineyard early in the morning. Are you an early riser who begins working for the Lord?
Share your experiences.
2. It seems that the house-holder needed additional workers because he went looking for more. God is hiring every believer to take the gospel to the world. Have you been hired? Have you responded?
3. All of the laborers received the same pay although they were hired at different hours of the day. It's not important if other believers have been preaching, teaching, witnessing, or testifying more years than you the pay from God will be the same for all who have labored.
4. The command to go into the vineyard and work comes from Jesus. He went about healing, teaching, feeding, delivering, etc. Therefore, Jesus is our example of taking the gospel to all of mankind. God sees your work and will reward everyone according as his work shall be.
5. What incentive/s do you receive from this promise to get busy for the Lord?
6. You do not need a title or an appointment to go and tell unbelievers about the love that God has for them and how Jesus died on the cross for their sins. Just give your testimony of salvation because someone may hear and believe and come to God. The vineyard is plentiful and all believers are welcome to work in it.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 20:16 So the last shall be first, and the first last, for many be called, but few chosen.

WHEN IT'S ALL OVER I WANT TO SEE JESUS

MOTTO TEXT: **Revelation 22:4** And they shall see his face, and his name shall be on their foreheads.

ENTIRE LESSON: Revelation 21:1-7

1. And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had 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 have 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 thirsty 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.

PURPOSE - To explore the vision of the new heaven and earth in Revelation 21, emphasizing the promise of God's presence, the removal of sorrow, and an eternal fellowship with Him.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION - Encourage believers to look forward to the ultimate joy of seeing Jesus in the new heaven by living in anticipation of that glorious promise.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Dwell: A place where a person resides, where you stay, or have your home. The tabernacle of God dwells with man through the Holy Ghost. Our body is the temple of the Holy Ghost.
2. Emphasize: To stress, call attention to and to highlight. The vision John saw of a New Jerusalem emphasizes the splendor of this new city. It will come down from God out of Heaven.
3. Ultimate: Final, last, basic, essential, and supreme. Our ultimate goal after this life is over is to see Jesus, the man that died for me and set me free that I may live with him.
4. Vision: Dream, image, revelation, or prophecy. Apostle John saw a vision while on the Isle of Patmos of the New Jerusalem, the new heaven and the new earth that will be sent by God after the old heaven and the old earth pass away.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. In this lesson, John, who was exiled on the Isle of Patmos for his testimony of Jesus Christ, saw a vision of a New Jerusalem coming down from God. What do you envision this new city will look like?
Discuss your ideas.
2. A voice said, "Behold the tabernacle of God is with men."
What does this mean to you?
3. The Holy Ghost dwells within us. How does he help prepare us to see Jesus? The song says, "When I See Jesus.....Amen. Since amen means agree, do you agree? What a day of rejoicing that will be! Are you eagerly looking forward to seeing Jesus as he is? Share your thoughts and expectations.
4. Just envision all things new; a new heaven, a new earth, no more sorrow or crying or worries, no more death or even the need for the sun, moon or stars because God and Jesus will provide everything we will require.
What joy should fill your hearts!
5. Do you say, "When it's all over I want to see Jesus?" **Hallelujah!**

MEMORY VERSE: Revelation 22:4 And they shall see his face, and his name shall be on their foreheads.