Lesson for June 3, 2023 A SAD PHASE OF REPENTANCE

Scripture reading: 1 Kings 21:1-23; Prov. 1:24-31. Memory verse: Prov. 1:28.

Note. The Heavenly Father gives all plenty of room, or space for repentance, but many will not listen. However, there is a time coming when all will fall down before Him, but, sad to say, it will be too late.

- 1. What do the Scriptures tell of the outcome of the Jezebel claw? Rev. 2:20-22.
- 2. There are those who will wake up to the fact that they have betrayed the One who would have brought eternal life. What outcome can they expect? Matt. 27:3-5.
- 3. In what way did the Lord Jesus contrast the people of His generation with those of Jonah's? Luke 11:32.
- 4. What will be the very sad fate of the foolish virgins? Matt. 25:10, 12.
- 5. What was Esau's sad experience when he wished to repent? Heb. 12:15-17.
- 6. What reason does the Lord give for some not finding Him and being destroyed? Prov. 1:28-32.
- 7. What will false professors meet? Matt. 7:21-23.
- 8. Why did a certain fig tree have to be cut down? Luke 13:6-9.

- the people. "Praying always, with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit"
- 8. What are parents commanded to teach their children? Deuteronomy 6:6,7.
- 9. Are we considered to be of the same family as the angels of heaven? Ephesians 3:14,15. Revelation 22:8.9.

Note. From this scripture, we notice it does not speak of families in the plural, but of just one family, of which the angels are a part. They are more powerful, yet these unseen guests and messengers encamp around about the faithful ones. The faithful ones depend fully upon the intervening hand from above to lead them, and to direct and protect them.

- 10. What beautiful promise has the Lord given that our efforts and sacrifice will not be in vain, as we work for the lost ones? Isaiah 55:10,11.
- 11. What kind of a giver does the Lord love? 2 Corinthians 9:6-15.
- 12. What are the questions we are commanded to avoid, and why? 2 Timothy 2:23-25.

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"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee." Psalms 122:6

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Lesson for April 22, 2023 GREATEST AMONG YOU A SERVANT

Scripture Reading: Luke 9:46-62. Memory Verse: Matthew 20:27.

- 1. What strife arose among the apostles in Luke 22:24?
- Was the Saviour to be ministered unto or to serve others? Luke 22:27.
- What did the Saviour say about Gentile leaders exercising lordship and exhibiting authority? Mark 10:42
- 4. Did he commend or condemn such among church leaders? Mark 10:43.
- 5. Did the Saviour give us an example of being served, or of serving others? Mark 10:44,45.
- 6. Are leaders and others commanded to follow Him, and to walk as He walked? John 8:12; 1 Peter 2:21.
- 7. What commands are further given to the Elders and leaders concerning coercion and ruling by force and fear? 1 Peter 5:1-3.
- 8. What is the position and duty of leaders toward the laity of the Church of God? Acts 20:28.
- 9. What will be the work of each disciple (follower) of Christ to prove his or her love for Him? John 21:15.

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Lesson for April 1, 2023 CHRIST'S OBEDIENCE TO GOD – CHRIST'S SUFFERING FOR OUR SALVATION

Scripture reading: Isaiah 53. Memory verse: Hebrews 2:9, 10.

- 1. To what is Christ likened in growing up? Isaiah 53.2
- 2. What did the people who walked in darkness see?
- 3. What nature did Jesus take on Himself when He came to earth to redeem His people? Hebrews 2: 16.
- 4. Whom did He wish to be made like? Verse 17, 18.
- 5. Why was He called Jesus? Matthew 1:21.
- 6. What other name did He give Himself? John 10:11.
- 7. For what purpose did Christ come into this world? 1 Timothy 1:15.
- 8. How great was God's love for the world? John 3:16.
- 9. What great gift does a Christian acquire of God through Christ? Romans 6:23 (last part).
- What power was given regarding His sacrifice for His own? By whom was it given? John 10:17, 18.

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- 2. What sad truth did Christ once state? Matthew 24:12.
- 3. What glorious assurance do we have? Mathhew 24·13
- 4. How did Paul express the possibility of falling? 1 Corinthians 9:27.
- 5. After having obtained faith what may happen to it? Luke 22:32; 1 Timothy 1:19, 4:1; 5:8, 12; 2 Timothy 2:16-18.
- 6. This being the case, how should we relate ourselves to the Gospel? 1 Corinthians 15:58.
- 7. If one falls from grace and willfully remains as such, what is said of his end? 2 Peter 2:20-22.
- 8. What Old Testament example bears this out? 1 Samuel 10:6, 9; 1 Chronicles 10:13.
- 9. How long must we remain true to the Gospel? Revelation 2:10.
- 10. What adequate provision is made for all who fall into sin? 1 John 2:1, 2.
- 11. How complete will restoration be? Hebrews 7:25.
- 12. What must we never do? Hebrews 2:3.
- 13. What two important factors will lead us to eternal life? Hebrews 11:27; 12:2.
- 14. What precious truth shines as a beacon for all? Jude 24, 25.

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- 7. What happy state existed among the Brethren in the days of Paul? Verses 18-20.
- 8. What similar admonitions are given in Colossians 3:11-17?
- 9. When Christ dwells within us by the Holy Spirit, what is always the result? John 15:4, 5.
- 10. If we do not sacrifice to win souls for the Kingdom of God, what is always the result? Verse 6.
- 11. Will soul winning increase our power with God in answered prayer? Verses 7, 8, 16.

Lesson for May 27, 2023 CONSTANT FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

Note. While it is true that the grace of God is always extended to lift a sinner from sin, it is also true that a man can refuse, and reject this grace at any point in his life. Many are teaching, once saved always saved; such a teaching is without foundation in God's Word. When man repents of sin and turns to God he does not lose his free moral agency. We still have the right and ability to determine our own destiny.

Scripture Reading: 2 Peter 2. Memory Verses: Jude 24, 25.

1. Is it possible to place ourselves outside of God's household? Hebrews 12:15-17.

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Lesson for June 24, 2023 AFTER DEATH, WHAT?

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4. Memory Verse: 1 Thessalonians 4:16.

1. What does the Bible say death is? 1 Thessalonians 4:13, 14.

Note. When one is asleep he is wholly lost to consciousness; time goes on unmeasured, and the function of mental awareness is suspended for the time being.

- 2. Where do the dead sleep? Daniel 12:2.
- 3. How long will they continue to sleep in the dust of the earth? Job 14:10-12; 1 Corinthians 15:42-58.
- 4. For what does Job say he will wait? Job 14:14.
- 5. Where will he wait for this change? Job 17:13.
- 6. What did King Hezekiah write concerning death and the grave? Isaiah 38:18, 19; Psalms 30:9.
- 7. What about the thoughts of those who are dead? Psalms 146:4; Ecclesiastes 9:5, 6, 10.
- 8. Are the dead able to praise the Lord? Psalms 115:17.
- 9. Is there any remembrance in death and the grave? Psalms 6:5.
- 10. What is further said of those that die in the Lord? Revelation 20:6.

- **Note.** The words of every true disciple will be seasoned with strengthening food for encouragement to press on. He will also practice self denial and prefer others before himself.
- 10. In order to impress this solemn duty upon us, our Saviour used the words "Feed my sheep"; were these words repeated to Peter? John 21:16,17.
- 11. Was Paul's life filled with self denial and hardship, or did he (because he was a chosen leader in the Church of God) seek after material benefits and follow a life of ease? 2 Corinthians 11:26-28.
- 12. Did Paul rule the people through threats, coercion and fear, or were they subject to his commands through love? Acts 20:31-35.
- 13. Are we commanded to follow the example set by Paul, as well as in the steps of Christ? 1 Corinthians 11:1.
- 14. Should we seek the favor and company of those considered great among men? Romans 12:16.
- 15. What good instruction is given in Romans 12:10?
- 16. What witness do we have in Hebrews 3:5 concerning a great leader, chosen by God, in Old Testament times?
- 17. What qualifications for a servant are set forth in 2 Timothy 2:24,25.

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- 11. Were the sufferings of Christ many and varied? Isaiah 53:8-10.
- 12. With whom did He make His grave? Verse 9.

Note. - Christ, our great example, went away doing good, and suffered much hardship for us, ill treatment, even death, but He conquered death and ascended into Heaven, and is making intercession for us at the right hand of God the Father. Let us be willing to work for Him in helping to win precious souls for His eternal Kingdom, and suffer for Him, even unto death if need be.

Lesson for April 8, 2023 FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER

Scripture Reading: Matt. 18th Chapter. Memory Verse: Matt. 6:15.

- 1. What is necessary for us to do in order to receive forgiveness of our sins? Mark 11:25.
- 2. Will God pardon those who do not forgive their fellow men? Matt. 6:15; Mark 11:26, Matt. 18:21-22.

Note. God is not satisfied with lip service or mere formality. We must forgive from the heart, and when we do then will also forget, and we will cease to dwell upon the sins which have been forgiven.

Lesson for April 29, 2023 IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:7-20. Memory Verse: Philippians 4:6.

- 1. What is the promise to those who ask and seek for things they need? Matthew 7:8.
- 2. How does the Lord illustrate the willingness of heaven to grant favors to those who ask? Matthew 7:11.
- 3. Why is it necessary to ask our Heavenly Father for all these things? James 1:17.
- 4. How should we pray? 1 Corinthians 14:15.
- 5. What must necessarily accompany one's petition in order to please our Heavenly Father? Hebrews 11:6.
- 6. How strong must this faith be? Mark 11:24.
- 7. What should be done when one needs to be healed of an affliction? James 5:13-16.
- 8. Is it profitable and necessary, at certain times, to hide away all alone to pray? Matthew 6:6.
- 9. Did the apostolic believers have gatherings for prayer? Acts 12:12.
- 10. How often did the apostles exhort the church to pray? Ephesians 6:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:17.
- 11. Why is prayer so very important? John 15:7.
- 12. When we find ourselves in the presence of those who oppose or ridicule prayer, or even if we should

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Some when pretending to forgive say: "I can forgive but I cannot forget them". They hold a grudge.

- 3. In what condition must our heart be in order that we might receive forgiveness? Matt. 6:12.
- 4. Did God forbid grudging? Lev. 19:18.
- 5. What does the New Testament say about grudging? James 5:9; Matt. 6:12-24.

Note. Jealousy is a predominant sin of the age, now even as it was in the time when Joseph's brethren became jealous of him because of his parents love and extra kindness, and also because God favored him and gave him dreams about things would soon come to pass; therefore they mistreated him and sold unto strangers for a slave.

- 6. How did Joseph the man of God forgive his brethren? Gen. 45:15.
- 7. In dealing with the erring, what feelings should actuate us? Matt. 18:33.
- 8. What may those expect who fail to show mercy to others? James 2:13.
- 9. In the parable of Matthew 18, what happened to the servant who owed a large sum? Matt. 18:23-27
- 10. Later when someone came who owed this same man a mere trifle, what mercy did he receive? Matt. 18:28-30.

Lesson for May 20, 2023 DIVINE VIRTUE THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Scripture reading: Philippians 2:1-28. Memory verse: Philippians 2:15.

Note. This wonderful chapter teaches us how to get along with others in true harmony and happiness. Note these words: "If there be any consolation in Christ, if comfort of love, if fellowship of the Spirit', etc.

- 1. What four things are necessary to attain this unity as given in Philippians 2:2?
- 2. Instead of working through strife and vain glory, how should we perform our works? Verse 3.

Note. How beautiful are the words, "in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves."! If we consistently follow this excellent advice, there can be no strife. How could there be?

- 3. What marvelous attainment will result from this practice? Verses 4, 5.
- 4. Did Christ Jesus exalt Himself in any, manner? Verse 8.
- 5. What followed His great humility? Verses 9-11.
- 6. If we can be blameless in our dealings with one another, what will result in our cases? Verses 14, 15.

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- 5. What is said of the angels of Heaven regarding the Holy Commandments? Ps. 103:20.
- 6. In what way are these heavenly messengers summoned to our assistance? Matt. 26:53.
- 7. When Peter was bound in prison with two chains, how was he set free? Acts 12:7-10.
- 8. Through whose prayer was he thus assisted? Verse 5.
- 9. How quickly it is possible for our prayers to be answered? Dan. 9:21.
- 10. What important relationship exists between man and the angels, pertaining to an understanding of the scriptures? Verse 22.
- 11. How are we to obtain divine assistance? Matt. 7:7, 8.
- 12. In the agony of Gethsemane, how did God supply divine assistance in this hour of crisis? Luke 22:43.
- 13. Are the angels of Heaven interested in human Luke 15; 10.
- 14. In great time of trouble who will be our protector? Ps. 91.8, 10, 11.

6. What message of grace should we be heralding today? Rev. 22:17.

Note. Down through the ages God has been extending His grace to the human race. Age after age tending His grace to the human race. Age after age they rejected His mercy and love until at last they crucified the very Son Himself. The closer we get to the second coming the more noticeable will be the rejection of the sacrifice He made. Yet to those who know Him, He is still as real as when He walked on this earth.

- 7. To how many has the grace of God appeared? Titus 2:11-15.
- 8. What shows the immeasurable love Christ has for us? 2 Cor. 8:9.
- 9. How is grace further extended to us? Verse 12.
- 10. What humble confession did Paul make? 1 Cor. 15:10.
- 11. How did he express grace for the past, present, and future? 2 Cor. 1:10.
- 12. In accepting Christ what is it possible to know? Acts 13:38, 39.

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- 8. What promises are there in store for the meek? Matthew 5:5.
- 9. In what may we be comforted? John 14:1-3.
- 10. According to Paul do we expect to go to these mansions, or do we expect the City to come to us? Hebrews 13:14; Matthew 6:10
- 11. What was the apostle John privileged to behold of this heavenly city? Revelation 3:12; Revelation 21:1, 2, 10.
- 12.In order to enter this holy city, what does our passport call for? Revelation 22:14; Matthew 19:16, 17.

Lesson for June 17, 2023 ARE THERE ANGELS AND WHY?

Scripture reading: Heb. 1st chapter. Memory verse: Heb. 1:14.

- 1. What creation of beings are there similar to man, and what is our condition compared to them? Ps. 8:4, 5.
- 2. What is their purpose and their work in creation? Ps. 34:7; Heb. 1:13, 14.
- 3. Does our Creator consider man of the same family as the angels? Eph. 3:14, 15; Rev. 22:9.
- 4. Does this family have the same name, and what is the name? Eph. 3:14, 15.

be forbidden to pray, should we give up our customary devotions? Daniel 6:10.

Note. Prayer is a way to communicate with heaven and to draw closer to our Heavenly Father. A minister once said: "I have no fear for the boy or girl, man or woman, who earnestly prays three times a day."

Lesson for May 6, 2023 FAITH - A GODLY REQUIREMENT

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 4. Memory Verse: Hebrews 4:2.

- 1. In order to please God, what must we possess? Hebrews 11:6.
- 2. Where was the first recorded act of faith in a blood atonement made? Hebrews 11:4.
- 3. What act of faith was required on the evening of Passover? Exodus 12:7.

Note. The slaying of the Passover lamb was not enough. It was up to every one to know if the blood had been applied to the door posts of the houses. It is not enough today to know that Christ lived and died, for every individual must avail himself of the sacrifice He made for them.

4. In by gone days, why was the Word not profitable to the Children of Israel? Hebrews 4:2.

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- 11. What treatment did the unmerciful servant receive from his Master? Matt. 18:32-35.
- 12.For whom has all of this been recorded? 1 Cor. 10:11; Rom. 15:4; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17.

Lesson for April 15, 2023 FOLLOWING IN HIS STEPS

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:1-18. Memory Verse: Philippians 2:5.

- 1. What mind should be in us respecting the salvation of our fellow-men? Philippians 2:4,5.
- 2. What warning did Our Saviour give concerning covetousness? Luke 12:15.

Note. How apparent that the ways of this present world are in opposition to the ways of heaven. We are not to love the world, neither the things that are in the world. 1 John 2:15. Money measures a person's standing and popularity today in every part of the world. His greatness is considered almost universally by what he owns and possesses. Satan offered our Saviour the kingdoms of this world, if He would serve him, but He spurned the offer. His servants must do the same, and store treasures in heaven, and not on the earth.

3. Should we seek to walk according to the flesh or by the presence of the Spirit? Romans 8:4,5.

- 5. How did an Israelite show faith in an atonement by shedding of blood? Leviticus 4:27-30.
- 6. What Bible definition is given for faith? Hebrews
- 7. How many possess this faith? Romans 12:3.
- 8. For what do many clamor, that shows an inward lack of faith? John 6:30.
- 9. Before we shall see the glory of God, what must we do? John 11:40.

Note. Jesus could have spoken the word and the stone would have moved away under divine control, but He chose to use human power as far as possible. His request in (John 11:39), uncovered the lack of faith in the heart of Martha. After human hand had reached its limit (John 11:41), He called on the Father to do what human power could not do; give life to a dead body. Spiritually speaking, God alone can raise us from spiritual death and decay.

- 10. Why did Jesus commend the centurion above the others? Matthew 8:5-10.
- 11. What leads us to believe that Christ will soon return? Luke 18:8.
- 12. Who only will meet God's full requirements? Revelation 14:12.

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4. What is said of the troubled conditions of the hearts of men, just before the Messiah returns? Luke 21:24-26.

Note. How wonderfully was this prophecy fulfilled, with the Jews scattered in every part of the world, and Jerusalem trodden down by the Gentiles for nearly two thousand years. Now, however, we see them returning to Jerusalem and Israel from every country. They are gathered there now from the nations, and we behold the distress and perplexity that is everywhere seen among all nations. The hearts of men are also filled with fear, of the things coming to pass upon the world just as the Saviour said it would be preceding His return.

- 5. What is our duty in this present time of darkness? Isaiah 60:1,2.
- 6. What will be done with those who are unfruitful in the work of the Lord? John 15:2, and Matthew 25:30
- 7. With what should the labourers for Christ be clothed? Ephesians 6:10-18.

Note. "It is not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit", Zech. 4:6, that the successful work is accomplished in the vineyard of the Master. It is the prayerful life, and the complete consecration depending wholly on the Spirit and power from above, to lead, and send conviction to hearts of

Lesson for May 13, 2023 GRACE – GOD'S GREATEST GIFT

Scripture reading: Romans 5:1-21. Memory verse: Romans 5:21.

1. What is the first recorded act of grace towards fallen man? Genesis 3:21.

Note. The awfulness of sin and its consequences; death to the innocent party, is told in this short verse. Innocent blood shed that man might receive physical covering. Thus the first type was formed in the Old Testament. It pointed forward to the shed blood which would cover the spiritual man as completely as their first needs were met.

- 2. How do we know that Abel was instructed regarding the plan of salvation? Gen. 4:4.
- 3. What is the relationship between sin and grace? Romans 5:17-20.

Note. Just as surely as sin and death came through the fall of man, so much more are we assured it will pass away because of the death and resurrection of Jesus the Son of God.

- 4. Even in ancient times, what two ways were open to man? Deut. 30:19; Jer. 21:8.
- 5. How did Jesus express the same thought to the Jews? John 5:40.

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Note. Although this tree had the power to bear fruit and had been well planted and cared for and reached fruit-bearing age, it was barren. It had no place in the Lord's garden. Each one should carefully examine himself, taking an inventory of his life to see if he is of any value to the Lord in soul winning.

Lesson for June 10, 2023 FUTURE HOME OF THE SAINTS

Scripture reading: Psalms 37. Memory verse: Matthew 5:5.

- 1. For what purpose was this earth created? Isaiah 45:18.
- 2. Will there ever be a time when this whole earth will be completely desolate? Genesis 8:21, 22.
- 3. According to Christ's instructions, how are we to pray? Matthew 6:9, 10.
- 4. When will the righteous be removed from this earth? Proverbs 10:30.
- 5. To whom does the heaven belong? Psalms 115:16.
- 6. What was Abraham and his seed to inherit for an eternal everlasting possession? Genesis 13:14, 15; 17:8.
- 7. Did the ancient saints ever receive this promise? Hebrews 11:8-13.