

Lesson for September 21, 2024
PERSECUTION AND HARDSHIP
IN
THE MINISTRY

Scripture reading: Matt. 10:16-42.
Memory verse: Matt. 10:16.

1. What was the character of the people among whom the disciples were sent? How were they instructed to behave? Matt. 10:16.
2. To what would they be subject among this class? What guarantee was given them under those conditions? Matt. 10:19-20.
3. Who among the household would take part? Matt. 10:21.
4. By how many would they be hated? Verse 22.
5. What were they to do when persecuted in one place? Verse 23.

Note. Then too, those who are anointed with the Holy Spirit and live in the presence of the Lord will be directed by the Spirit what to say before their persecutors.

6. What reason is given why they should not fear? Verses 29-30.
7. How is the Father's great love for us illustrated? Verses 39-40.

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commissioned us to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom to every nation, and to all people. Let us carry this truth with unwavering faith, and let us be ready at all times to serve Him.

Lesson for August 3, 2024
THE REMNANT PEOPLE HAVE A
WORK TO DO

Scripture Reading: John 15.
Memory Verse: John 15:8.

1. Has each faithful servant been assigned something to do? Mark 13:34.
2. What else has been given to His disciples? Matthew 25:15.
3. Then what are the disciples also called, to whom work has been assigned? Matthew 25:14.
4. What happens to each one who fails in his stewardship to bring in some increase for the Kingdom? John 15:2.
5. Is it necessary to have any definite connection with Heaven, for the abiding presence of the Spirit? John 15:4, 5.
6. What is one special requirement in order for our prayers to be heard and answered? John 15:16.

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

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7. What will happen to all disciples who live only in their own strength and do not constantly abide in Christ? John 15:6.

Note: The power of the gospel which brings conviction to the heart of the sinner, and gives the servant victory over himself, is acquired only through constant contact with the Savior through prayer. To cease praying is like disconnecting the generator wire on your car. Your light will soon grow dim, and finally go out.

8. What promise is given to those who sow the gospel seed? Psalms 126:5,6.
9. What promise is made to the soul winner? Proverbs 11:30; Daniel 12:3.
10. Besides showing sinners the error of their way, and winning them for the Kingdom, what other work are we given to do? Proverbs 19:17; Isaiah 1:17.
11. What is said of those who stop their ears to the cry of the poor? Proverbs 21:13.
12. What is declared to be pure religion? James 1:27.

Note: When the Spirit of God takes hold of His messengers, they are fearless in rebuking sin, no matter what the consequences may be.

4. What did Herodias's daughter do on Herod's birthday celebration? Mark 6:21,22; Matthew 14:6.
5. What solemn promise was made to her because of this? Matthew 14:7; Mark 6:23.
6. Upon whose instruction did she ask for John's head? Matthew 14:8; Mark 6:24.
7. How did this request effect the king? Matthew 14:9.
8. To whom did Herodias's daughter take John's head? Matthew 14:10,11.
9. Why was this tragedy allowed? John 3:28-30.

Note: This prophecy of John 3:30 was very comprehensive. John himself might have realized that it would be fulfilled in his death. If his work was not finished, no power on earth could have put an end to his activities.

10. When Jesus heard about John's death, what did He do? Matthew 14:13 (first part).

Lesson for July 6, 2024 PREACHING THE GOSPEL

**Scripture reading: 1 Thessalonians 1 and 2.
Memory verse 2 Corinthians 3:2.**

1. What special message must go out to the world before the second advent of Jesus Christ? Matthew 24:14.
2. Why was the Word of God written and how is it to be preached? 2 Timothy 3:16, 17; 4:2.
3. What has Solomon to say on this subject? Ecclesiastes 11:1-4, 6.
4. What conditions must the preacher of the Gospel endure? 2 Timothy 2:3, 4; Hebrews 12:1.
5. What is awaiting those who enduringly and diligently sow the precious Gospel seed? Psalms 126:5, 6; Revelation 21:4.
6. Why was the Thessalonians church commended? 1 Thessalonians 1:5-8.
7. What condition will exalt a nation or church? Proverbs 14:34.
8. What two ways of preaching the Gospel did Paul mention? Philippians 1:15-17.
9. Which way is not advisable? Philippians 2:14, 15.
10. How important is a chaste conversation? 1 Peter 2:11-12; Matthew 12:36.

bite, lie, cheat and often withhold the Lord's money. They retard the advancement of the people of to Lord much in the same way in which the mixed multitude troubled Israel. John commanded them to bring forth fruits meet for repentance before being baptized.

11. Who also came to be baptized? Matt 3:13-17. How thoroughly will the Lord purge His people? Verse 12.
12. When Christ disciples asked about the fulfillment of Mal 4:5. 6. What did He tell them? Matt 17:10-13.

Lesson for September 14, 2024 JOHN THE BAPTIST BEHEADED

Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:1-21.

Memory Verse: Matthew 14:5.

1. What conclusion did Herod draw when he heard of the fame of Jesus? Matthew 14:1,2.
2. Why was he apprehensive of John's resurrection? Matthew 14:3,4.
3. Why did Herod not want to put him to death? Matthew 14:5; Mark 6:19,20.

Lesson for August 10, 2024 THE REMNANT PEOPLE TRIUMPHANT

Scripture reading: Isaiah 66

Memory verse: Isa 66:22

1. At the conclusion of Isaiah's prophecies, what emphasis were placed on the importance of this earth? Isaiah 66:1
2. What class of people is the Heavenly Father going to notice and exalt in the end? Isaiah 66:2
3. What were some of the sins that provoked Him to anger? Isaiah 65:2-4
4. What is said of those who forget his holy mountain? Isaiah 65:11, 12
5. What were some of the other sins mentioned? Isaiah 66:3.

Note. Our Saviour rebuked the self-righteous "better than thou spirit" (Luke 18:9-14) in the Pharisee who trusted in himself and despised others. This attitude is a manifestation of the flesh. The Saviour tells us to "judge not and to condemn not" but to pray for the erring ones, and to even love our enemies, and to do good to them that despitefully use us. Luke 6:28, 37.

11. What is a good way of spreading the Gospel? 2 Corin-thians 3:1-4.
12. What good example are we given as regards preaching the Gospel? Matthew 5:16.

Lesson for July 13, 2024 STEWARDSHIP

As Christ's disciples, we are called to labor in His service, follow in His footsteps and forsake the world. But He does not ask us to endure hardship to no end. There is a glorious prize to be won through faithful Stewardship, and whatever suffering we endure in this life will be more than compensated in the next.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 19:16-30.

Memory Verse: Revelation 21:4.

1. When Jesus Christ commenced His earthly missionary work, how many men did He choose to assist Him? Luke 6:13
2. What did he present and expound to them concerning conditions of service? Luke 9:23, 24, 25-26; 14:25-27, 33, 12:33.
3. Did they accept the conditions of Jesus? Luke 5:11, 27, 28; Matt. 4:18-22.
4. Did they all accept unanimously? John 6:60, 66.

6. What will the Heavenly Father extend to the remnant church? Isaiah 66:12, 13.
 7. When the people see this, what will they do? What will happen to the wicked? Isaiah 66:13-16
 8. Against what particular class are the judgments brought to bear? Isaiah 66:17, 18.
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Lesson for August 17, 2024 **PETER - FISHER OF MEN**

Scripture reading: John 21:3-17.

Memory verse: Matthew 4:19.

1. Matthew 4:18-20 tells of the calling of Simon Peter and his brother Andrew. With what intriguing promise did Jesus call them? How did they respond?
2. Compare this account with John 1:35-42.
3. Discuss the occasion, the account of which Matthew 14:28 is a part. Does it reveal Peter's character?
4. Perhaps the most glorious part of Peter's association with Jesus is recorded in Luke 9:28-36. How did he regard it? Why did they keep it a secret? Matthew 17:9.
5. What was the most bitter experience in his association with Jesus? Matthew 26:69-75. What was the result of this experience in Peter's life?

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5. What question did Peter ask Christ? Matt. 19:27.
 6. What was Jesus' response? Vs. 28-30.
 7. If we suffer with Him, shall we also reign with Him? 2 Tim. 2:12.
 8. Is the human mind able to comprehend what God has in store for those who love Him? Isa. 64:4; 1 Cor. 2:9.
 9. What promises are made to the living and the dead in Christ? 1 Cor. 15:50-53; Isa. 26:19.
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Lesson for July 20, 2024 **THE GOSPEL COMMISSION**

Scripture reading: 1 Cor. 1st Chapter.

Memory verse: 1 Cor. 1:1.

1. What was the great service command given by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ? Mark 16:15-19.
2. Is this responsibility only to those called into the ministry? Matt. 25:14, 15.
3. What are some of these servants doing today with their ability? Matt. 25:24-29.
4. What admonition and reward will be given to those who assume their part and privilege of the gospel? Verse 23.
5. What will happen to those who take no active

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prepare a people for the Lord and to turn the hearts of the fathers unto the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers.

5. After this child was born and named, what happened to the father, and what did they name the child? Luke 1:56-66.
6. What did Malachi say that John the Baptist would do? Mal. 4:5, 6.
7. What did Isaiah the prophet, say concerning John the Baptist, over seven hundred years before his birth? Isa. 40:2-8.
8. Did John the Baptist fulfill this prophecy? Matt. 3:1-4; Luke 3:3-6.
9. How was he attired, and what did he eat? Matt. 3:4.

Note. We see that John the Baptist was not accepted by the well to do people, but he was poorly clad and also ate what he gathered by himself.

10. When many who were unworthy came to him to be baptized, what did he tell them? Matt. 3:7-10.

Note: Today many churches are full of just such unrepentant sinners who have been baptized and consider themselves as Christians, yet they have never been born again. They are the type of people who cause trouble among the saints; they back

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9. When will each one having a part in this work receive his final reward? Matthew 16:27; Revelation 22:12.
10. To insure our reward, how long must we continue faithful in our labour? Revelation 2:10.

Note. We can overcome the desire for the pleasure of this old world by spending a few moments at times during the day alone with our mind on the glory of heaven, with thanksgiving and praise for a measure of victory and peace already given, as we seek for more. A magnetic power will gradually enter into your very life and soul, that will give you the complete victory over self and over everything sinful and worldly.

11. What assurance is given to those who do not become weary in well-doing? Galatians 6:9
 12. What does the Lord say of the wisdom of those who decide to give themselves to the work of winning souls for the kingdom? Proverbs 11:30.
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11. In Paul's last admonition to Titus what did he say about denying ungodliness and lust? Titus 2:12.
12. To what should we constantly look with joy and anticipation? Titus 2:13; 2 Timothy 4:8, [last part].

Lesson for September 7, 2024 JOHN THE BAPTIST

Scripture reading: Luke 1:1-25.
Memory verse: Luke 1:17.

1. What message did the angel bring to Zacharias? Luke 1:13-17.
2. Did Zacharias and Elizabeth keep the commandments of God? Luke 1:6.
3. When Zacharias asked, "How shall I know this?" - What answer did the angel give him? Luke 1:18-20.
4. Had any of the former prophets spoken of this great event? Malachi 3:1, compare with Matt. 11:10.

Note. Here we see the prophecy which had been spoken by Malachi almost four hundred years before fulfilled. The fore-runner of the Lord Jesus born, he was to go before the Saviour in the spirit and power of Elijah, to

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3. Will even the smallest act, if done for the Lord, be rewarded? Mark 9:41.
4. Will not one of the greatest joys be in seeing those for whom we have labored, saved in the Kingdom of God? 1 Thess. 2:19, 20
5. What promise does the Lord give us that in sowing His word, there will be results accomplished? Isaiah 55:10, 11
6. How much does Christ promise His laborers? Matthew 20:8.
7. To what is the glory of our reward compared? Daniel 12:3
8. Does our Saviour promise to share even His own joy with his faithful laborers? Matthew 25:19, 21

Note. The Son of man came "not to be ministered unto BUT to minister" Matthew 20:28. It was not for Himself that He lived, though labored and died. He is our example, and we are to live and walk as He lived and walked. Our purpose and object in this short life will be to follow Him, and to live for the same work. He often spent the whole night in prayer and meditation before heaven, receiving divine charging of virtue and power by which miracles were wrought.

6. What was Christ's charge to Peter? John 21:15-17.
7. Did Peter obey this command? Discuss Acts 2:14, 37-40; 5:12-16.
8. How does Peter's admonition in 2 Peter 3:11-14 conform to his own life? Is it sound advice?

Lesson for August 24, 2024 PAUL, THE GREAT EVANGELIST

Scripture Reading: Acts 9:10-20.
Memory Verse: 2 Timothy 4:7.

1. What do we know about Paul's early life? Acts 22:3. Smith's Bible Dictionary suggests that he was probably taken to Jerusalem as a boy for his education.

NOTE: Saul means "asked," "desired". Paul means "small" or "little". These names are very appropriate to the life of the Apostle. He was desired of men, very prominent and highly trusted by the leaders. After his conversion, however, he was very humble.

2. Discuss the following points in the story of Paul's conversion (Acts 9). The mission to Damascus. Saul's vision. Ananias' part.
3. What did Paul do? Why did he leave Damascus? Acts 9:22-25.

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- part? Verse 30; John 15:1, 2.
6. What does this gospel, commission include? Luke 9:1, 2;
7. Will those who believe be able to do a great work! John 14:12.

Note: Those seeking these gifts should often read the miracles of the New Testament, and believe the promise - that they will be done again.

8. Are we commanded to covet the gifts of the Spirit? 1 Cor. 12:31; 14:1.
9. What are the gifts of the Spirit? 1 Cor. 12:8-10.
10. Is the Heavenly Father willing to give these good things (gifts of the Spirit) to those who seek for them earnestly? Matt. 7:7-11.
11. How are these gifts obtained? Matt. 7:7, 8; Luke 11:9-13.
12. If anyone will really hunger and thirst after these gifts, will they obtain them? Matt. 5:6.
13. Will the church possess these gifts in their fullness? 1 Cor. 1:5-7.

Note: Besides the gift of prophecy, which includes preaching (1 Cor. 14:3) the ministers should covet the other gifts, earnestly seeking for them.

4. How was he received at Jerusalem, and where did he go from there? Acts 9:26-30.
5. Discuss Acts 11:19-30; 12:24-25; 13:2,3. 6.
6. Did they carry out their mission? Romans 15:25-28; 1 Corinthians 16:1-3; 2 Corinthians 8:1-5; 9:1-12.
7. Discuss Acts 20:22, 23; 21:10,11,33.

Note: From the day that Agabus' prophecy was fulfilled in A.D. 58, Paul was a prisoner of the Roman Empire until the year 63, at which time he was permitted to dwell in his own house (Acts 28:30). He was again arrested in A.D. 65 and beheaded in A.D. 67 or 68.

8. What have you to say about his conduct while he was under arrest?

Lesson for August 31, 2024 PAUL'S FINAL MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 4:1-8.

Memory Verse: 1 Timothy 5:7.

1. Before whom did Paul give his final charge, and at what time did he say the living and the dead would be judged? 2 Timothy 4:1.

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Lesson for July 27, 2024 THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM

Scripture Reading: Matthew 9:35-38.

Memory Verse: Matthew 9:35.

1. What example does the Messiah give us concerning the Gospel? Matthew 9:35; see also Mark 1:14.
2. What were the signs the Savior gave to John to show that He was the Christ? Luke 7:22.
3. What commandment did Christ give to those that follow Him? Mark 16:15.
4. What ministry did the Apostle receive from the Savior? Acts 20:20-24.
5. Are we sent out to preach the Gospel? Romans 10:15.
6. How important is it to preach the Gospel? 1 Corinthians 9:16.
7. To whom should the Gospel be preached, and by what power do we preach it? Romans 1:16.
8. What Gospel must be preached first before Christ returns? Matthew 24:14, see also Mark 13:10.
9. What are we told will happen to any man that would preach another Gospel? Galatians 1:9.

Note. What a blessing it is to be a minister of the Gospel. The Bible tells us that the Father desires all His children to know Him, therefore He has

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2. What did he admonish his people to preach, and what of the use of doctrine? 2 Timothy 4:2.
3. What prophecy did he give of the people's attitude towards sound doctrine? 2 Timothy 4:3.
4. How did he say the people of the last days would generally consider truth, and to what would they be turned? 2 Timothy 4:4.
5. How did he instruct Timothy relative to affliction in connection with the work before him? 2 Timothy 4:5.
6. Was Paul reconciled to his fate and ready to lay down his life? 2 Timothy 4:6.
7. Was he thoroughly satisfied with the battle of his life he had so incessantly fought, and did he know he had won the victory? 2 Timothy 4:7.

Note: Every child of God should be satisfied with his life. He should know day by day that he is fighting the good fight of faith.

8. What was now Paul's great comfort and hope, and to what time did he look, expectant of receiving his reward? 2 Timothy 4:8 [last part].
9. Who was it that stood by Paul, giving him strength to fight the battle of life? 2 Timothy 4:17.
10. Was Paul the most concerned about deliverance from afflictions or from evil work? 2 Timothy 4:18.

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8. If we would be recognized before the Lord in the end, what must we do? Verses 32-33.
9. What did Jesus say He came to do? Verses 34-36.
10. What are the conditions of following Him? Verses 37-39.

Note. These are the cross roads to which everyone who will be saved must be brought to be tested as a candidate for life eternal.

11. In this trust how shall we overcome evil? Rom. 12:21.
12. What will follow when one receives the servant of the Lord? Matt. 10:40, 41.
13. What recognition is held out to those who do even little acts of kindness to His workers? Verse 42.

Lesson for September 28, 2024 SERVICE AND REWARD

Scripture reading: Revelation 21

Memory verse: Revelation 21:27

1. Do we as laborers for God receive a portion of our reward in this life? Mark 10:28-30
2. Will every man be rewarded according to the part each had in the work? 1 Cor. 3:8; John 4:36-37

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