



one of the two institutions that after the fall, Adam brought with him beyond the gate of Paradise. When the Divine Principles are recognized and obeyed in this relationship, marriage is a blessing; it guards the purity and the happiness of the human race; provides for mans social needs; and elevates the physical, the intellectual, and the moral nature.

2. For what purpose besides companionship was the first union ordained? Genesis 1:28.

3. Was the ordinance of marriage carried into the New Testament era? Matthew 19:4,5; Ephesians 5:31.

**NOTE:** The family tie is the closest, most sacred, and the most tender tie on earth. It was designed to be a blessing to mankind. It is a blessing indeed wherever the marriage covenant is entered into intelligently, in the fear of God, and with due consideration for its responsibilities.

4. What wedding did Jesus grace with His presence? John 2:1,2.

5. In what honor, therefore, should the marriage estate be held? Hebrews 3:4.

6. Why are many marriages unhappy? 2 Corinthians 6:14,15.

7. What marriages did God prohibit among the Israelites? Deuteronomy 7:3,4.

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Lesson for April 4, 2015.

## PROPHECIES CONCERNING JERUSALEM

Scripture Reading: Ezra 7.

Memory Verse: Ezra 7:27.

1. When the angel Gabriel visited Daniel in Babylon, what was his chief purpose and message? Daniel 9:24 and the first part of verse 25.

2. What other very important event concerning the Messiah did the angel Gabriel make known? Verse 26 (first part).

3. Did the commandment go forth to rebuild the house of God? Ezra 7:13,20.

4. Are these favors and instructions found in the King's letter concerning this matter? Verse 11.

5. Was there any appropriation of silver and gold given to Ezra, the high priest of the Jews? Verses 15,16.

6. Were the Jews allowed to buy, and take with them to Jerusalem, many provisions? Verses 17,18.

7. Were they also permitted to take with them vessels needed for the house of God? Verse 19.

11. What sickness did Jesus refer to? Matthew 9:13 (last part).

12. What question did one of John's disciples now ask Him? Matthew 9:14.

13. What explanation did Jesus give him? Matthew 9:15.

14. What illustration did He use in answering him? Matthew 9:16,17.

15. What request was put to Jesus at this time? Matthew 9:18.

16. What did Jesus do? Matthew 9:19,24,25.

**NOTE:** Christ is able and is always willing to help those who exercise faith in Him, whether they be sinners or saints. He is concerned about our sickness and trouble. Let us put our faith in Him.

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Lesson for June 6, 2015.

## ISAIAH, THE GOSPEL PROPHET

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 53.

Memory Verse: Isaiah 8:20.

**NOTE:** Isaiah prophesied in the days of Uzziah, Jotham Ahaz and Hezekiah, or about 758 to 698 B.C. His prophecies of Christ are most amazing. Given seven centuries before Christ, their accuracy of

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10. Does the Lord look upon appearances? 1 Samuel 16:7.

11. Is it necessary for those who serve the Lord to receive a new heart? Jeremiah 24:7.

12. What very important words did Jesus say about the heart in Matthew 5:8?

13. Who alone is able to direct our hearts unto love and righteousness? 2 Thessalonians 3:5.

Lesson for May 30, 2015.

## HEALING THE CRIPPLE; THE CALL OF MATTHEW

Scripture Reading: Matthew 9:1-12.

Memory Verse: Matthew 9:12.

1. Where did Jesus go? Matthew 9:1.
2. Who was brought to Him for healing? Instead of healing him, what did Jesus say to him? Matthew 9:2.
3. Under what circumstances was he brought to Jesus? Mark 2:1-5.
4. What did the scribes think of Jesus because He forgave this man's sins? Mark 2:6,7; Matthew 9:3.
5. What did Jesus tell them about His authority to forgive sins? Matthew 9:4-6.
6. How did the multitude regard this healing? Matthew 9:7,8 ;Mark 2:12.
7. Who did Jesus ask to become His follower? Matthew 9:9; Mark 2:14.
8. In whose house did Jesus sit down at meat? Who sat down along with Him? Mark 2:15; Matthew 9:10.
9. What criticism did the Pharisees offer because of this? Matthew 9:11.
10. What did Jesus answer to this objection? Matthew 9:12.

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Lesson for June 27, 2015.

## HEART SERVICE

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 6.

Memory Verses: Deuteronomy 6:4,5.

1. Does the Lord require heart service from His people? Deuteronomy 6:4,5.
2. If we seek Him with our whole heart, what will be ours? Isaiah 26:3; Matthew 6:33.
3. What did Jesus say was the first commandment? Matthew 22:37,38.
4. What is said about the heart of man? Jeremiah 17:9.
5. What was King David's very timely prayer concerning the heart? Psalms 139:23,24.
6. What things issue forth from the heart? Matthew 12:35.
7. What affect then, does the heart have on the tongue? Matthew 12:34; Luke 6:45; James 3:10, 11.
8. How important are the words that we speak? Matthew 12:36,37.
9. Did a certain lawyer who tempted Jesus, really know what the Lord requires of those who serve Him? Luke 10:27-29.

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8. What proper care did Abraham show in seeking a wife for his son?

Genesis 24:2-4.

9. What high standard does the Scripture set for the relationship between husband and wife? Ephesians 5:25; Titus 2:4.

10. How exclusively devoted should a husband and wife be to each other?

Proverbs 5:15-18.

11. What commandments were designed particularly to safeguard family life? Exodus 20:14,17.

12. By what only may the marriage relationship be dissolved? Romans 7:1,2.

13. When the marriage union is dissolved without compunction by the world, what endeavors should believers make to uphold the sanctity of marriage, even under provocation? 1 Corinthians 7:10,11.

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Lesson for May 2, 2015.

## PROMISES FOR OBEDIENT CHILDREN

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:1-18.

Memory Verse: Exodus 20:12.

1. Name the first commandment

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8. Were there any vessels of importance carried away from the first House of God, which was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon? 2

Chronicles 36:18; Daniel 5:1-5.

9. What decree did Artaxerxes make concerning providing money for this great work? Ezra 7:21.

10. According to the date at the top of the page of your Bible, what year did this decree of Artaxerxes's go forth? (Many Bibles have these marginal dates and all give the date of 457 B.C.).

11. How long after this decree, was reconciliation made for iniquity? Daniel 9:24; Matthew 26:6-13.

**NOTE:** From the date at the top of the page in your Bible you will see that the crucifixion date is given as 33 A.D. Adding to this number of years B.C. 457 (Ezra 7) when the commandment went forth and money was appropriated for the rebuilding of the Temple, it makes just 490 days or 70 weeks. The main outline of the prophecy was wonderfully fulfilled. The Messiah came; He was cut off; reconciliation was made for sin; the Holy One, the Messiah, was anointed; the prince (Titus the Roman) that followed after, destroyed the city; and desolation came upon

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with promise? Ephesians 6:2.

2. What is the promise?

Exodus 20:12.

3. Is the Lord well pleased with the children who honor and obey their parents?

Colossians 3:20.

4. How long are children bound by the commandment to honor their parents?

Proverbs 23:22.

5. What did the Apostle Paul say would be one of the prominent sins of the last days? 2 Timothy 3:1,2.

6. What promise is made to children who hearken to the Lord?

Psalms 34:11.

7. What is the fear of the Lord?

Psalms 111:10.

8. How is a wise child, though poor, regarded by the Lord? Ecclesiastes 4:13.

9. What tender words did Jesus speak on behalf of children? Matthew 19:14.

10. What did He do to the children to show that He loved them? Mark 10:16.

11. What command is given to those who are young? 1 Timothy 4:12.

12. What wonderful promises has God given to all who will serve Him?

Revelation 21:4.

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the Holy Land. The announcements made by Gabriel to Daniel have come to pass exactly. Now we are in the time of the final restoration of Israel to their Promised Land, which gives us the setting for the prophesied coming of the Messiah as King.

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Lesson for April 11, 2015.

### FOR WHAT PURPOSE WAS THE EARTH CREATED?

Scripture reading: Isaiah 45.

Memory verse: Isaiah 45:22.

1. What reason is given for creating the world? Isaiah 45:1 8.

2. Did God create the world for the wicked people, of whom we see so many?

Proverbs 10:25-30.

3. Was there a plan for redemption even from the beginning of creation?

Revelation 13:8.

**NOTE:** This shows that the plan of redemption was determined as soon as man sinned and that the sacrificial lamb was also a type of Christ, the Lamb that the Father was going to send in His own Son to redeem the

be wrought? Romans 8:11-13.

9. How can we acquire the indwelling of the Holy Spirit? Luke 11:11-13.

**NOTE:** Although the riches of earth, or the glory of kings may be acquired, yet time in her march will bring the possessor to naught. It is the Spirit of God with the treasures of Heaven that remain forever. Brother and Sister have you prayed earnestly and repeatedly for the Holy Spirit? It is promised to us for the asking (Luke 11:11-13).

10. What important Christian virtue does the Holy Spirit shed abroad in our hearts? Romans 5:5.

11. In what way and by what power can we overcome the carnal nature? Romans 8:14-16,26,37.

12. When led by the Spirit, where will we be storing our treasures? Matthew 6:19-21.

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destroyed and driven out immediately? Exodus 23:27-33; Deuteronomy 7:22.

3. The Philistines continued for a long time to be real enemies of Israel. Were they closely related to the other tribes? 1 Chronicles 1:12; Genesis 10:7-11.

4. How do you harmonize Deuteronomy 7:2 with Exodus 20:13?

5. Why did the Lord not want them to intermarry with these heathen nations? Deuteronomy 7:3-4. But rather, how should they deal with them and why? Deuteronomy 7:5-6.

6. Under the new covenant or testament teaching, God has called, and still is calling out a people for His Name. How are we to treat the world, or those not in Christ? Ephesians 5:1-7.

7. Is this in accord with the words of Jesus? Matthew 5:21-26,38-48.

8. A good lesson for separation of influences, good and evil, will be found in 2 Corinthians 6:14-16. What then, are we to do about it? 2 Corinthians 6:17-18.

9. What do you understand by being in the world but not of the world? John 17:6,11,12,15,16.

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### THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT IN OUR LIFE

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:1-17.

Memory Verse: Romans 8:14.

1. In order to be free from condemnation, how must the people of God walk? Romans 8:1.
2. How can we judge rightly and know that we are walking after the Spirit? Romans 8:4.
3. What is the reward, both temporal and eternal, to those who are spiritually minded? Verse 6.
4. What should be the constant daily prayer of every one seeking a home in the Kingdom of God? Psalms 19:14.
5. When God's people are spiritually minded, what will their conversation be? Psalms 50:23.
6. Is it possible to please God when we are carnally minded? Romans 8:8.
7. What is it that necessarily must abide in each child of God, so that he will not follow after the flesh? Romans 8:9.
8. If the Spirit takes up its abode within us and remains, what work will finally

Colossians 3:13.

8. Did God anciently forbid grudging? Leviticus 19:18; Proverbs 20:22.
- NOTE:** Some of the definitions of the word grudge are: "I will cherished for some remembered wrong; reluctant; unwillingness."
9. What does the New Testament teach about grudging? James 5:9.
  10. What petition and duty mentioned in the Lord's prayer, is the only one to which Jesus adds a comment? Matthew 6:12,14,15.
  11. If we forgive shall we be forgiven? Luke 6:37, last part.

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### IN THE WORLD BUT NOT OF THE WORLD

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 7:1-11.

Memory Verse: John 17:15.

1. Who was the founder of a good share of these nations. 1 Chronicles 1:13-16; Genesis 10:15. Who was Canaan? Genesis 9:18.
2. Were these nations to be

### WILL WE KNOW ONE ANOTHER THERE?

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 15:35-55.

Memory Verse: Romans 6:5.

1. How does Jesus say the great gift of eternal life will be given? John 14:6; 3:16.
2. Who does the Holy Spirit say is the light of men? John 1:4.
3. If we walk as He walked, what promise do we have? Philippians 3:21.
4. After Jesus was resurrected from the dead, did His immortal body in any way resemble the body He had before? Luke 24:13-16,28-32,36-43.
5. Was it because His body was changed that the disciples did not recognize Him at first? Luke 24:16, 30, 31.
6. What proof did He give them later on in the day that He was really the resurrected Lord? Luke 24:39.
7. When Thomas doubted the disciples who had already seen their resurrected Lord, what proof did he demand and how was it confirmed? John 20:24-28.
8. When Jesus appeared to His disciples the third time, did they recognize

world according to His divine purpose.

4. What was the substitute sacrifice which endured until the Son came? Exodus 12:3,5; Hebrews 10:11, 12.
5. What did the prophet Isaiah have revealed to him concerning a suffering one, taken as lamb to the slaughter? Isalah 53:7-9.
6. Is the Lamb, our Messiah, set forth as a perfect propitiation for sin? Romans 3:24, 25; 1 John 2:2.
7. Is it necessary for us to believe that He came in the flesh and bore our sins in His own body? Hebrews 2:14, 15; 1 John 4:2-3.
8. Is it through Christ Jesus that God's purpose of creation will be fulfilled? Isaiah 65:9; Psalms 2:7,8.
9. Do we see all things in the world subject to the Son now and the purpose of creation fulfilled? Hebrews 2:8.
10. What is said of the child born from the woman? Revelation 12:5.
11. When will all things be subject unto Him? Ephesians 1:17-23; 1 Corinthians 15:22-28.
12. When will the people of the earth be righteous and God's purpose fully realized? Isaiah 11:4-9; 66:22.

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Him as the Lord? John 21:1,12-14.

9. In what way will the faithful put on the spiritual body at the resurrection? 1 Corinthians 15:42-44.

10. In what way are the first and the second Adam contrasted in the change that accompanies the resurrection of the dead? 1 Corinthians 15:45-48.

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Lesson for May 16, 2015.

## THE CANAANITISH WOMAN'S FAITH

Scripture Reading: Matthew 15:21-39.

Memory Verse: Matthew 15:28.

1. To what place did Jesus go? Matthew 15:21.

2. Who came to Him? With what request did she come? Matthew 15:22.

3. How did Jesus treat her request? What was the attitude of His disciples? Matthew 15:23.

4. What did Jesus say? Matthew 15:24.

5. When the woman heard this, what did she do? Matthew 15:25.

6. What other sentence now greeted her ears? Matt. 15:26.

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Lesson for April 18, 2015

## OUR CONVERSATION

Scripture Reading: James 3:1-13.

Memory Verse: Proverbs 25:11.

1. In debates in church assemblies, in councils, in the Congress of our nation etc., words go on seemingly without end until finally, someone says the right word, which ends all further discussion. How does the Bible speak about saying the right word? Proverbs 25:11.

2. How does the Bible describe man and the use of his tongue? James 3:3-8.

3. What terrible sins are often committed with the tongue? James 3:9-12; Proverbs 6:17-19.

4. What good instruction is given concerning the use of our tongue? Ecclesiastes 5:1,2.

5. James speaks of words setting on fire the course of nature. Is this what happened in the garden of Eden? James 3:5; Genesis 3:1-4; Romans 5:12.

6. Are words still being used to contribute to man's death? 2 Peter 2:1-8; Ephesians 5:4.

7. How is the word of God

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7. In what spirit did she take this? Matthew 15:27.

8. What was the result of her faith? Matthew 15:28.

**NOTE:** Salvation is for all, but Jesus came to the Jews in keeping with the covenant (Daniel 9:24-27). The Jews were proud of the first place they occupied and did not integrate the knowledge of God to the Gentiles, but segregated them. Jesus used this term simply as a test to the woman: she humbled herself and in a logical way won the Saviour's favor and received healing for her daughter. It's a lesson of humility for us all.

9. Where did Jesus now go? Matthew 15:29.

10. What blessing came to the multitude here? Matthew 15:30,31.

**NOTE:** We note that Jesus did not heal some, but all who believed. How strange it is today that many are not healed. We look to ourselves for this lack, not to Christ.

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Lesson for June 13, 2015.

## FORGIVING AND BEING FORGIVEN

Scripture Reading: Matthew 18.

Memory Verse: Mark 11:25.

1. What instruction concerning forgiving did the Saviour give to Peter when he asked how often it would be necessary for him to forgive his brother? Matthew 18:21-22.

2. Will our Heavenly Father forgive those who are unforgiving? Mark 11:25,26; James 2:13.

3. On what basis did the Saviour say that we should ask forgiveness? Matthew 6:12.

4. What terrible judgement did Jesus say would be pronounced upon the servant who was forgiven but in turn refused to forgive his fellow servant? Matthew 18:32-34.

5. Unto whom is this an example and how complete must the forgiveness be? Matthew 18:35.

6. With what attitude must we forgive in order to be forgiven? Romans 12:8; Ephesians 4:32; Luke 6:36.

7. If we forgive as the Bible teaches, whose example are we following?

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