

come to Israel, are generally very conscious of sin, and fearful of possibly dying before the time of the atonement in the 7th month. They still solemnly celebrate this yearly fast, but not by the killing of the animals as in former days. All Jewish business is suspended in Israel; only the security and emergency systems function.

11. Are the commandments still binding according to the New Testament? 1 John 2:1-4, and 5:3, also Revelation 12:17, and 22:14.

Lesson for June 11, 2016.

A DEMONSTRATION OF HEAVENLY VIRTUE AND POWER FOR HEALING

Scripture Reading: Matthew 9:20-38.

Memory Verse: Matthew 9:22.

1. Who was it that exercised great faith for healing? Matthew 9:20.
 2. What experience did she have before this? Mark 5:25,26.
 3. Did she have a considerable amount of determination? Mark 5:27,28.
 4. When she touched the Lord Jesus, what was the result? Mark 5:29

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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.

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].

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

3. What can we obtain through prayer? Matthew 21:22.
 4. What does Christ say about the pretence of prayer? Matthew 23:14.
 5. What good examples are we given to follow in Acts 1:14 and 6:4?
 6. How often are we to go before the Lord in prayer? Ephesians 6:18; also read Romans 12:12 and Colossians 4:2.
 7. What are we to do if a brother or sister is going through a trial? Acts 12:5.
 8. How important is a prayer of faith? James 5:15.
 9. How can we daily edify, uplift, and see to each other's needs? James 5:16.

NOTE: The Bible tells us to “watch and pray”. Great accomplishments can be made through the prayers of His people. Let us continue to pray as the Bible commands, for the peace of Israel, for the leaders of our nations and for others and sisters around the world.

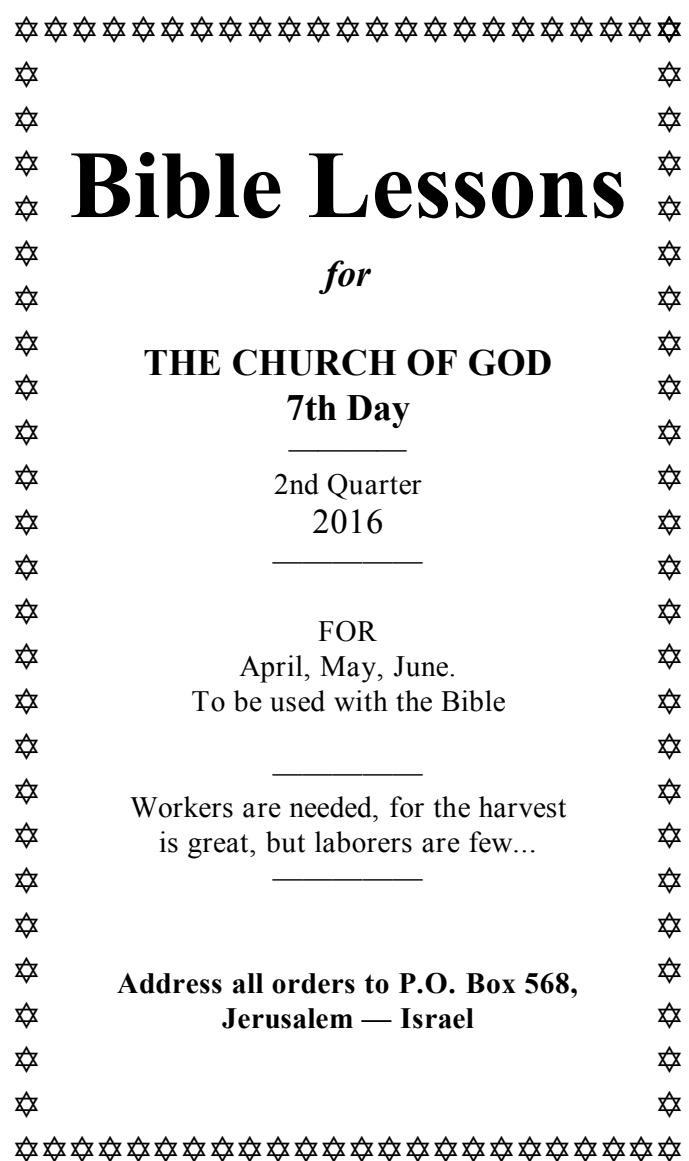
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Lesson for April 30, 2016.

A CHRISTIAN EXAMPLE

Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:1-13.
Memory Verse: Colossians 3:12.

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1. Whom are we to represent and in what manner? 1 Timothy 4:12.
2. Whom are we commanded to follow as our example? Mark 8:34.
3. Who are we given as examples of endurance? James 5:10, also see 1 Peter 2:21.
4. What attitude should the world see in us after we have been put through trials? I Peter 4:16.

5. What should our minds dwell on which could make us better examples? Philippians 4:8.

6. In what way should we communicate one to another? Ephesians 4:29.

7. What are we to clothe ourselves with? Colossians 3:12.

8. What are some of the things we are told to follow after which will make our lives better examples? Romans 14:19, also see I Timothy 6:11.

NOTE: Many times we forget that we are to be the light of the world, and are to follow the examples left for us in the Word of God. By our example of a Christian life we may win souls for the Kingdom. It is therefore very important to be the best example we possibly can be and to pray daily for a Christ like spirit.

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Lesson for April 2, 2016.

THE NEW BIRTH

Scripture reading: John 3.

Memory verse: John 3:8.

1. There were those attracted to the Savior through His miracles at the Passover. What statement did one make to the Savior? John 3:1, 2.

2. To what did Christ direct His attention? John 3:3.

3. What shows that Nicodemus was puzzled at this? John 3:4.

4. How did the Savior stress the importance of His message? John 3:5.

5. What illustration did He use to impress this lesson? John 3:6-8.

NOTE: The expression "we know" infers that Nicodemus did not seek the Lord for himself alone. The Savior had just revealed His glory at Cana of Galilee and here at the Passover His power as a divine representative was disclosed. The Pharisees were not humble enough to seek Him by day, so this ruler came by night. He became just as puzzled as many are today about what constitutes the New Birth; yet the Savior says that this experience is

that was abolished and done away or was it this old system of pardon that ended? Hebrews 10:3-12.

NOTE: When we read of the sufferings of our Savior on the cross and behold the agony of His crucifixion, we should be impressed in the very same way that the people looked upon the killing of innocent lambs, as their sacrifice for their sins. It should teach us the horrible consequence of disobeying the great and mighty One, who made the worlds, and created us in His own likeness. We should be made to fully understand that the breaking of this law brought about the death of our beloved Lamb and Savior on the cross, just the same as causing the death of those animals, back then. He shed His blood and gave His life for us to deliver us from the penalty of death, and He did not die to abrogate any law. He says "I came not to destroy the law or the prophets, but to fulfill."(Matthew 5:17). The prophecies and the laws that His coming and death fulfilled, have ended by limitation. They fulfilled their purpose and ended but were not destroyed.

9. How was this long promised Messiah, and Savior of Israel, to come into the world? Isaiah 7:14.

10. Was He to be offered as a lamb, for the sins of the people? Isaiah 3:7,8.

NOTE: The Jews today who have

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living and the dead would be judged?

2 Timothy 4:1.

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,

SIN AND THE REMEDY?

Scripture Reading: Exodus 20:1-21.

Memory Verse: James 2:10,11.

1. What is sin declared to be?

I John 3:4.

2. How were the sins of the people pardoned in ancient times? Leviticus 5:14,15; Leviticus 7:11,37,38.

3. In case the person was too poor to afford a lamb, then what must they have killed in their place for the atonement of their sin? Leviticus 6:6,7.

4. When was the great period set aside for Israel to make a complete atonement for the sins committed during the year?

Numbers 29:12.

5. How many animals were sacrificed on the first day to atone for the sin? Numbers 29:13.

6. How many were killed on each day during this atonement period?

Numbers 29:17,20,23,26,29,32,35,36.

7. Why were these innocent lambs slain and to what did this atonement period point? John 1:29-36 1 Peter 1:19.

8. Was it the ten commandment law

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7. How did they suffer for the sake of Jesus and the Gospel? Hebrews 1:36-38.

8. How generous were they?

Acts 2:45; 4:32.

9. How did they behave themselves towards the souls which were won to the Lord through their preaching? 1 Thessalonians 2:2; 5:7-10.

10. What was their attitude towards persecution, afflictions and those who maltreated them? Acts 5:40,41;2 Corinthians 12:10.

11. How did Matthias get numbered with the eleven apostles? Was it by partiality, nomination, nepotism, voting or by casting of lot? Acts 1:23-26.

12. How did they regard the assembling together of the brethren? Acts 2:42-46.

Lesson for June 25, 2016.

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

SLANDER AND EVIL SPEAKING

No one likes to be gossiped about, nor does anyone enjoy being slandered. Yet there is certainly no shortage of gossip circles or slander manufacturers. This shows that many have no real antipathy for the sport itself, and that it is only when they themselves are the targets for its bitter arrows that they fully appreciate its loathsomeness. The next time we find ourselves participating in any kind of “evil talking” or unkind speculation, we would do well to examine our motives. We would also do well to ask ourselves if we really know what we are talking about. Often people repeat things about which they have no first-hand knowledge. They may not even know the person whom they are slandering, but have just heard “this and that” from some “insider.” This insider often is, in reality, an “outsider” - which is why he starts the slander in the first place! In fact, some of the chief motives for slander are feelings of inferiority and jealousy, brought on by a weak spiritual state and a need to justify one’s self by denigrating others.

Scripture Reading: Ephesians chapter 4.

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necessary as the only way to the Kingdom.

6. What else did Nicodemus ask?

John 3:9.

7. How did the Savior close the inquiry? John 3:10-13.

8. What other phase of teaching did the Savior introduce? John 3:14, 15.

9. Why did God give His Son to the world? John 3:16.

10. If faith in the Savior brings salvation, what is it that brings condemnation? John 3:17-19.

Lesson for April 9, 2016.

FAITH - A GODLY REQUIREMENT

Scripture reading: II Corinthians 4:1-18.

Memory verse: Hebrews 4:2.

1. In order to please God, what must we possess? Heb. 11:6.

2. Where was the first recorded act of faith in a blood atonement made? Heb. 11:4.

3. What act of faith was required on the evening of Passover? Ex. 12:7.

NOTE: The slaying of the Passover lamb was not enough, it was up to every one to

Memory Verse: Ephesians 4:29.

1. What is the source of slander? Matthew 15:19; Luke 6:45.
2. Should we trust those who indulge in slander? Jeremiah 9:8.
3. What class of people delights in gossip? Proverbs 11:9; Psalms 50:20; Jeremiah 6:28.

4. What are the effects of slander? Proverbs 6:19,16:28, 18:8, 26:20.

5. What is the end of mischievous gossip, sensationalism, exaggeration and speculation? Ecclesiastes 10:12-14.

6. Are we justified in speaking evil of certain people whom we think deserve it? Titus 3:2-8.

7. Will we have to give account of all our untrue and hurtful words? Matthew 12:36,37.

8. Do seemingly godly people sometimes fall into the sin of slander and evil talking? James 1:26.

9. What are the qualifications of those whom the Lord will allow into His tabernacle? Psalms 15:1-3.

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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? Heb. 4:2.

5. How did an Israelite show faith in a blood atonement? Lev. 4:27-30.

6. What Bible definition is given for faith? Rom. 12:3.

7. How many possess this faith? Rom. 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. By His request in John 11:39, was uncovered the lack of faith in the heart of Martha. After the human hand had reached its limit, in 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.

here to "mortify" or to destroy the sin of covetousness, which is classed together with such sins as those which people generally abhor.

5. What are we told comes upon the people who practice the sins enumerated in this text? Colossians 3:6.

6. What did covetousness lead Judas to do? Mark 14:10,11.

7. What is the difference between the way the wicked people and the Lord view the covetous man? Psalms 10:3.

8. What was one of the special requirements demanded in those rich men Moses was ordered to choose for rulers in Israel? Exodus 18:21; 1 Timothy 3:2,3.

9. What is said about covetousness, as one of the signs of the last days? II Timothy 3:1,2.

10. When gold, silver, property, bonds and general riches are heaped together and held, what will it do for the person in these last days? James 5:3.

11. What are the ministers and leaders commanded to do in order to clear themselves, and discharge their duty relative to such conditions? 1 Timothy 6:17-19.

12. In what way did the Savior speak of covetousness? Luke 12:15.

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Lesson for June 18, 2016.

THE LIFE OF THE APOSTLES

Scripture Reading: Acts 2.

Memory Verse: Acts 2:42.

1. Whose example did the Apostle Peter say that the followers of the Lord should use? I Peter 2:21; I John 2:6; Ephesians 5:1.

2. In following the steps of Jesus, how zealous and enthusiastic were the apostles of Jesus; in response to the heavenly calling? Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 10:28.

3. After forsaking their private engagements (works) for the sake of the Gospel, how did some, who were servants and top officials of the government of their country react? Luke 5:27-32; Philippians 3:7,8; Luke 19:1-8.

4. Through what means were these devoted disciples of Jesus earning their livelihood? I Corinthians 4:12; Acts 18:3.

5. Was there a unanimous and singleness of mind and heart in their midst? Acts 4:32; 2:46.

6. What was the apostle's attitude towards the calamity and welfare of their fellow-brethren? Ephesians 1:15-19.

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without peace is useless and ineffectual, and becomes a bitter pill to swallow.

8. How will the world know that we are the children of God? Matthew 5:9.

Lesson for May 28, 2016.

THE DANGER OF COVETOUSNESS

Scripture Reading: Luke 12:13-32.

Memory Verse: Luke 12:15.

NOTE: The definition for "Covetousness" is: "inordinately desirous, or excessively eager to obtain and possess" -- Webster.

1. What showed this principle to be strong in this rich man who already had more than he could take care of? Luke 12:18,19.

2. What does the Lord call such men as this, and what did He say to him? Luke 12:20.

3. What conclusion does the Savior draw from this parable? Luke 12:21.

4. What does the apostle Paul call covetousness? Colossians 3:5.

NOTE: One of the Ten Commandments forbids covetousness, and we are commanded

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command? Matthew 9:31.

NOTE: The blessing of healing brought a joy to their hearts which nothing could suppress.

15. Who was brought to Jesus for healing? Matthew 9:32.

16. What happened when the devil was cast out? Matthew 9:33.

17. What was the Pharisees' verdict about this? Matthew 9:34.

18. How was Jesus continually engaged? Matthew 9:35.

19. How did the spiritual condition of the people effect Jesus? Matthew 9:36,37.

NOTE: Oh, that God would find more men/women to use today for the healing of the sick and for the preaching of the Gospel! Men/women with the compassion of Christ. This will not be possible until there is a revival of God's love in the heart; the sequence is that power will follow in the soul. Power for compassion, power for sympathy; power to weep over the sick and unbelieving as Christ Jesus wept at the grave of Lazarus.

Lesson for May 14, 2016.

MALICE

Booker T. Washington once said, "I am determined to permit no man to narrow or degrade my soul by making me hate him." Hatred and malice do just that - they degrade, defile and destroy the soul. As Christians we should avoid malice, not only as a lethal poison which kills spiritual growth, but also as the antithesis of God.

Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:1-17.

Memory Verse: Colossians 3:8.

1. What is a prerequisite of spiritual growth? 1 Peter 2:1,2.

2. With what is worship incompatible? James 3:9-18.

3. Can just a little malice defile the entire body? 1 Corinthians 5:6-8.

4. Should we honor all men, or is it all right to behave maliciously towards unbelievers? 1 Peter 2:12-17.

5. What Godly men would not bear malice for their enemies? Job 31:29,30; Psalms 35:11-14.

6. What does Christ tell us to do to those who wrongfully use us? Matthew 5:43,44.

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10. Why did Jesus commend the centurion above the others? Matt. 8:5-8.

11. What leads us to believe that Christ will soon return? Luke 18:8.

12. Who only will meet God's full requirements? Rev. 14:12.

Lesson for April 16, 2016.

APPOINTED TO PRAISE

Scripture reading: Psalms 117.

Memory verse: Psalms 117:1.

1. Is praise to be a part of the Ministry? I Chronicles 16:4;23:5.

2. What example are we given in I Chronicles 23:30 concerning praise?

3. Is music an acceptable way to praise? II Chronicles 7:6.

4. Should we praise with our voices? II Chronicles 20:19.

5. Should we praise with singing? I Chronicles 13:8 read also II Chronicles 20:21.

6. What strength are we shown through praise in II Chronicles 20:22?

7. How should we praise and what should we show forth? Psalms 9:1.

7. What is the end of those who maliciously plot to harm others? Psalms 7:14-16.

Lesson for May 21, 2016.

CONTENTION - A TOOL OF SATAN

"A house divided against itself cannot stand," Christ said. This well-known truth is especially applicable to the Church today. Contention and division are everywhere and are tools Satan uses to make God's people weak. The Bible teaches strongly against strife and contention among the brethren. Christ is looking for a people who follow His example in brotherly love. Christ was very concerned about this in His prayer for His followers. His greatest desire was that, "They all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one. . . I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one." (John 17:21-23.)

The very testimony of our unity will

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8. Should we praise Him with thanks? Psalms 28:7.

9. What garment should we put on in connection with praise? Isaiah 61:3.

10. Who is commanded to praise the Lord? Romans 15:11.

NOTE: Praise is recorded throughout the Scriptures as a necessary part of serving the Almighty. King David found great strength in praising the Lord. The praises of Israel reached the throne of the Father time after time and many miracles were done as a result. May the Spirit of the Father teach us how to praise so that the whole world will hear and will learn of Him.

Lesson for April 23, 2016.

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

Scripture Reading: Psalms 66:13-20.

Memory Verse: Psalms 6:9.

1. Does the Lord hear the prayers of His people? Proverbs 15:29.

2. Will He hear our prayers when we knowingly remain in disobedience?

Proverbs 28:9.

cause the world to know that the Gospel which we profess is true. On the other hand, if God's people become known for contention and strife, this will reflect negatively on Christ's cause. As we study what the Bible has to say on this important subject, let us endeavor to purge our hearts of all contentious thoughts and unite in the perfect will of God.

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:9-15.

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 11:16.

1. What causes fighting and contention? James 4:1; Proverbs 26:21; Proverbs 22:10; Proverbs 13:10.

2. Do even some who profess Christ sow seeds of contention? Philippians 1:15,16.

3. Does the Bible encourage debating over minor issues of doctrine? Titus 3:9.

4. What should you do when another challenges you in a contentious manner? 1 Peter 3:8-11.

5. What distinguishes a wise man in the eyes of God? James 3:13-18.

6. What distinguishes a foolish man? Proverbs 18:6-8.

7. To what is peace likened?
Mark 9:50.

NOTE: In the above Scripture, peace is compared to the flavor of salt. Just as salt without its flavor is useless, so the Gospel

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5. Why did He recognize this touch? What was His question? Mark 5:30.

6. How did the disciples regard this question? Mark 5:31.

7. How did the woman feel about it? Mark 5:33.

8. What comforting words were spoken to her by Christ Jesus? Mark 5:34; Matthew 9:22.

NOTE: This is a unique experience, in which one was healed without engaging the Master's attention. This is because of the virtue that was in Him. As followers of Christ we are to possess this same Heavenly virtue - the Holy Spirit - to the extent that even when we are not aware of it, others around will be effected by the moving Spirit of God in us.

9. What miracles followed the healing of the issue of blood? Matthew 9:23-25.

10. What did the two blind men desire of the Lord? Matthew 9:27.

11. How persistent were they in their desire to be healed? Matthew 9:28 (first part).

12. What question did Jesus ask them? What was their reply? Matthew 9:28 (last part).

13. In healing them, what did Jesus command? Matthew 9:29,30.

14. How did they regard this