

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,

6. When the apostles returned from their missionary tour what did they do and where did they go and why? Mark 6:30-32.

7. What loving invitation and promise does Jesus make to those who are burdened down with cares? Matthew 11:28-30.

8. What wonderful miracle did He perform demonstrating the power which He possessed? Mark 5:1,8,15.

9. When this man sought to accompany the Master, what did He bid the man to do? Mark 5:18-20.

10. What was the condition of another man brought to Jesus, and what were the results? Mathew 12:22,23.

NOTE: This was our Savior's work, which He committed to His representatives. He understood the divine law of heaven that sin is the root of such evils, which He first attacked. His work was setting human nature free from its many evils by acting on the cause. His compassion and deep sympathy for the afflicted brought tears to His eyes, compassion always accompanied with divine power.

11. How did He answer the charges made by the Pharisees? Matthew 12:24-30; Luke 11:15-23.

NOTE: The Heavenly Father sends men light, that their evil ways may be corrected, but when one ray of light is disregarded there is a partial numbing of spiritual perception, and the second revealing of light is less clearly discerned. Then

PRE-ANNOUNCED CONDITIONS FOR THE LAST DAYS

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 3.

Memory Verse: 2 Timothy 3:13.

1. What kind of general times or conditions will prevail in the "Last Days?" 2 Timothy 3:1.

2. What about covetousness and selfishness during these days? 2 Timothy 3:2.

3. Will the people be lovers of pleasure during this period? 2 Timothy 3:4.

4. Are there to be many professors of religion and pretenders of Christianity? 2 Timothy 3:5.

5. Is there to be much learning at this time, and will many possess the truth? 2 Timothy 3:7.

6. Were world conditions to grow better or worse after the prophet made this prophecy? 2 Timothy 3:13.

7. What does the apostle James tell us concerning riches and wealth in the last days? James 5:1-3.

8. What does Isaiah pre-announce concerning the Law and the Word going forth from Jerusalem in the last days? Isaiah 2:2,3.

9. What does the prophet Micah also prophesy about this same event from the last days? Micah 4:1,2.

10. Following these events what will take

to reach? Were others also to be blessed through his seed? Genesis 12:2,3; 22:18; 26:4.

3. Was Israel always faithful to the trust given them? Jeremiah 2:21,22; Leviticus 26:33; Nehemiah 13:17,18; Ezekiel 6:8; 22:4,14,15.

NOTE: There is a simple lesson here, needful for all of us to learn, concerning the time of Israel's dispersal. As Andrew Dugger (our beloved father and Elder) would say, "The Jews are a living witness of God's wrath on the children of disobedience." Please see Romans 11:21.

4. In touching God's love, mercy and restoration power, what does the Word of God further tell us about the Abrahamic family? Isaiah 61:3,4; 49:12-16; 48:9-12; Jeremiah 31:7-12; 31:35-37; Ezekiel 36:8-11.

5. Did God still have a purpose in preserving the seed of Israel? Isaiah 2:2; 49:6-11; 59:19-21; 60:1-3; 62:1-7; Micah 4:1,2; Luke 1:31-33.

6. How are the Gentiles to be blessed through this chosen family? Acts 3:22-25; Ephesians 2:12-14; Galatians 3:29; John 4:22; 18:37; Matthew 2:2; Luke 2:14; Isaiah 9:6,7; Revelation 5:9,10.

NOTE: More prophetic promises (only a few among many) foretelling a better time for Israel, are found in Zechariah 8:1-8; Ezekiel 36:25. Heaven decreed that Jerusalem would again be favored. We are first hand witnesses of this reality. Many more ancient prophecies are in fulfillment

behold? Luke 2:9.

5. What wonderful message did the angels give them? Luke 2:10,11.

6. What sign was given them of this child? Luke 2:12.

7. What other glorious news greeted the shepherds? Luke 2:13,14.

8. When the angels had departed what did the shepherds decide to do? Luke 2:15.

9. When they arrived at the place spoken of by the angels, what did they see? Luke 2:16.

10. What did the shepherds do with the good news? Luke 2:17.

11. How did the hearers regard the report? Luke 2:18.

12. What was Mary's attitude about this event? Luke 2:19.

13. How did the shepherds manifest their joy for the Savior? Luke 2:20.

14. When this child was eight days old, what did they do according to the law and what was He called? Luke 2:21 (first part).

15. By whom was He thus named before His conception? Luke 2:21(last part).

16. Who was King of Judea at this time? Who also came to Jerusalem? Matthew 2:1.

17. What was their question? What reasons did they give for coming? Matthew 2:2.

honest man even before his conversion, could not understand at the moment why the hand of God was upon him. So today we may not know why trials come or great disappointments, yet by faith we know Christ is preparing us as jewels to shine in His Kingdom.

10. In Paul's closing days what beautiful words was he able to say? 2 Timothy 4:6-8.

11. Where does tribulation lead the true ones? Romans 5:3-5.

12. While living close to Jesus, what could Paul say? 2 Corinthians 7:4.

NOTE: To be exceedingly joyful in tribulation was the testimony Paul could give. He came a long way in his Christian experience since he met Christ on the Damascus road, and he learned, through his persecution and hardships, valuable spiritual lessons which benefit the children of God even today.

Lesson for September 24, 2016.

A CHOSEN SEED

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 60.

Memory Verse: Isaiah 60:21.

1. What promise was made to the seed of Abraham, and why? Genesis 22:17; 26:5.

2. How far was the blessing of Abraham

darkness gradually increases and remains.

12. What warning did He give about rejecting light, and speaking against the Holy Spirit? Matthew 12:31-32; 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12.

13. What is said about evil words, good words, and also our words in the day of judgment? Matthew 12:34-37.

Lesson for July 23, 2016.

ISRAEL'S PUNISHMENT

Scripture Reading: Leviticus 23:1-31.

Memory Verse: Luke 21:24.

1. What blessings and protection were promised Israel if they would obey the Lord? Leviticus 26:3-12.

2. If they failed to obey, what would be their punishment? Leviticus 6:14-17.

3. For what length of time would they be chastised? Leviticus 26:18.

4. What shows the severity of God's judgment on them? Leviticus 26:19,21,24,28.

NOTE: The multiple use of the expression "seven times" does not mean several times seven. "Seven" in the Scriptures means completeness; thus, this is used in an emphatic sense to express the completeness of their chastisement. The seven times a day for a year or 2,520 years,

place from Jerusalem when the Messiah returns to bring judgment? Micah 4:3.

11. What is said about the last days or "time of the end," relative to increase of knowledge? Daniel 12:4.

12. How long was the book of Daniel to be sealed up, and when unsealed, who would be interested in it, and who would not? Daniel 12:9,10.

NOTE: The book of Daniel is still a sealed book to Israel, and the Jews in general. A curse has been declared by the extreme orthodox Jews upon anyone who would translate and calculate the 70 weeks of the 9th chapter.

13. What is said about means of travel in the time of preparation? Nahum 2:3,4.

NOTE: We are living in the age of preparation for the coming King, and these conditions are in evidence everywhere. Every man and woman who has been called from the world, and understands these things, should be a profitable servant by witnessing and by giving of his or her life, in tithes and offerings, to publish this message, sending it forth by ministers and workers to Israel, and to the Gentile world.

began with the Babylon captivity under Nebuchadnezzar in 606 B.C., and ended with the evacuation of the Turks in Palestine under General Allenby in World War I, the year 1914.

5. During these years, what is said of their land? Leviticus 26:31-35.

6. What would this severe punishment cause them to do? Leviticus 26:28,29.

7. What other expressions are used to show the severity of their punishment? Jeremiah 31:27,28.

8. During these years of captivity, how did they stand before God? Jeremiah 31:35-37.

9. What is said of their identity among the nations during this time? Isaiah 61:9.

10. What is the real purpose of this affliction? Hosea 5:15.

11. Why would God not destroy them utterly during these years? Leviticus 26:44,45.

12. What prophecy of David is now being fulfilled? Psalms 102:15,16.

Lesson for July 30, 2016.

THE VICTORY OF JESUS OVER TEMPTATION

Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:1-11.

Memory Verse: Hebrews 4:5.

1. When Jesus was baptized in the Jordan

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Lesson for July 9, 2016.

PROPHECIES OF DANIEL

Scripture Reading: Daniel 9.

Memory Verse: Daniel 9:22.

1. After the Temple of Solomon was destroyed, Israel was taken captive into Babylon, but how long were they to remain there?

Jeremiah 25:10,11.

2. After they were gathered back from this dispersion, what was to happen to Babylon? Jeremiah 25:12,13.

NOTE: It is a known fact, according to the Scriptures as well as history, that the Jews were regathered to Jerusalem and another Temple was erected where Solomon's Temple stood.

3. As Daniel was praying for the restoration of Israel, who visited him?

Daniel 9:20,21.

4. For what purpose did Gabriel visit Daniel? Daniel 9:22,23.

5. What was the length of time then given to the people of Israel to make an atonement for sins and to make reconciliation for iniquity? Daniel 9:24.

6. In regard to the punishment of Israel, what period of time did one day represent?

Ezekiel 4:5,6.

NOTE: As there was appointed unto

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Christian that cannot hold his tongue?

7. What are we warned about concerning the tongue and fire? James 3:5.

8. What advise does Peter give to us concerning our behavior and the tongue? 1 Peter 3:10.

9. How should we speak about our fellow man? Titus 3:2.

Lesson for August 20, 2016.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Scriptures tell us that Christ is the "Star of Jacob" (Numbers 24:17); the "Day Star" (2 Peter 1:19); the "Bright and Morning Star" (Revelation 22:16). The wise men from east were not mere astrologers as some teach. They saw the "Star" and chose to "come to worship Him." We believe they came by inspiration, "for the world by wisdom knew not God.", 1 Corinthians 1:21.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-25.

Memory Verses: Luke 2:13,14.

1. What was the purpose of Joseph's and Mary's trip to Bethlehem? Luke 2:1-5.

2. While at Bethlehem, what wonderful event took place? Luke 2:6,7.

3. What is said of the shepherds at this time? Luke 2:8.

4. What glory were they permitted to

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Lesson for September 17, 2016.

WHOM THE LORD LOVETH HE CHASTISETH

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12:1-13.

Memory Verse: Hebrews 12:7.

1. How does God deal with those He loves? Hebrews 12:5.

2. How will God regard us if we benefit by chastisements? Hebrews 12:6-9.

3. What is God's goal in correcting His people? Hebrews 12:10,11.

NOTE: The chastisement of the Lord is like the fire that purifies gold, the flames of correction will burn out the dross in our lives if we will let Him do His work in us.

4. When chastised what must we do? Revelation 3:19.

5. What outstanding Bible character profited by chastisement? Jonah 1:1.

6. What work was he to do, and how did he respond? Jonah 1:2,3.

7. How did God deal with this man? Jonah 1:17. What resulted? Jonah 3:3,5.

8. What similar experience did Saul have? Acts 9:1-4.

9. What was he driven to inquire? Acts 9:5,6.

NOTE: No doubt Saul, who was an

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10. How can we transfer earthly treasures into heaven's vaults? Luke 12:31,33,34.

11. What is said about our lights burning and us being ready to meet the Lord when He comes? Luke 12:35,36.

NOTE: Jesus said He had chosen the poor of this world, rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, and so we find His words true until this day. The poor are the people who always more quickly accept the gospel message in all fields of labor.

Lesson for August 13, 2016.

THE UNTAMED TONGUE

Scripture Reading: James 3.

Memory Verse: James 3:2.

1. In Psalms 34:13 what are we told to keep our tongues from?

2. What example does King David give us in Psalms 35:28?

3. What should be our prayer concerning the tongue? Psalms 120:2.

4. What does a just mouth bring forth? Proverbs 10:31.

5. What must every tongue confess? Romans 14:11; Philippians 2:11.

6. What does James 1:26 tell us about a

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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.

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.

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River, what happened there at the river to empower Him further? Matthew 3:16,17; Luke 3:21,22.

2. What was the first temptation the devil offered Jesus? Matthew 4:1-3.

NOTE: Satan always tempts one in one's weakest condition and on one's weakest point. We must be well fortified with Bible truth if we are to stand strong against the suggestions and deceptiveness of Satan.

3. How did Jesus answer in the face of Satan's temptations? Verse 4.

4. Describe Christ's second temptation? Matthew 4:5,6.

5. Throughout each encounter, how did Jesus withstand the enemy? Did He use the wisdom or philosophy of man to combat temptations? Verse 7.

NOTE: You will notice that the devil quoted Scripture in his tempting of Jesus. Jesus had very thorough knowledge of The Word and the Will of The Heavenly Father. In these days of deception we need to be careful and try every spirit by the Word of God. While in dedicated study of the Word, it is very needful that we pray for this pure and greater love of truth, for some are "Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth," 2 Timothy 3:7, and many wrest Scripture to their own destruction. 2 Peter 3:16. For those that love righteousness will be open minded with no preconceived ideas. There must be nothing within us originating from man's mind or creed]. All must

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Israel, a year for each day, during these periods of punishment, it is logical and scriptural to apply the same rule to the periods of punishment that were to follow? Therefore this 70 week period would be 7 times 70 or 490 years, as there are seven days in a week.

7. Gabriel gave Daniel the assurance that a commandment was to go forth to rebuild Jerusalem. After it went forth how long was it to be until the Messiah? Daniel 9:25 [first part]

8. Was Jerusalem to be rebuilt during a time of peace or trouble? Daniel 9:25 [last part].

9. What was to happen to the Messiah after the sixty-two weeks plus the first seven weeks, making 69 weeks? Daniel 9:26 [first part].

10. Who was to follow after the Messiah? What was he to do? Daniel 9:26 [last part].

NOTE: This was Titus the commander of the Roman armies that besieged Jerusalem in the year 66 A.D., totally destroying the city and the 2nd Temple in 70 A.D. Those that had received Jesus, believing His words [Luke 21:20,21] had fled the city. According to history, the Roman armies first surrounded Jerusalem and then withdrew for a short time before the actual siege. Many that remained in the city cried out in prayer seeking for their "promised Messiah" to deliver them. Not until our time [close to 2000 years later] have the Jewish people been reunited again with the land.

11. What was to happen in the middle of

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be "approved unto God," 2 Timothy 2:15. On mankind's part, also, there must be no adulterating of The Word. Please read 2 Corinthians 2:17; 4:2; John 10:27; 17:17; Romans 3:4.

6. What climaxing offer did the devil make in his final effort to tempt Jesus? How was he rebuked? Matthew 4:8-11.

NOTE: In comparing the temptation of Jesus with the tempting offer made to Eve, it is startling to see how similar they are. The lusts mentioned in 1 John 2:15-17, "the lusts of the flesh, the lusts of the eyes, and the pride of life," were used by Satan in both instances. The first man, Adam, fell, but the second Adam triumphed, and through His victory we too can triumph. 1 Corinthians 15:22,45.

7. What are we exhorted to do in order that we may live a life of victory and usefulness? Hebrews 4:4-16.

Lesson for August 6, 2016.

ETERNAL RICHES

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 6.

Memory Verse: 1 Timothy 6:11.

1. What is the theme of Paul's preaching relative to riches, in Ephesians 3:8 and what warning is given in 1 Timothy 6:17-19?

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this last and 70th week? Daniel 9:27 [first part].

NOTE: This was the cutting off, or the crucifixion of the Messiah, which event brought to an official end the purpose and the need of the law for pardon by the blood of the "Sacrificial Lamb" and brought on a new dispensation of grace.

12. What was to happen after the crucifixion in connection with the abomination of desolation? Daniel 9:27 [last part]. How long was the desolation to last?

NOTE: If the Messiah has not already come then according to Daniel 9:26, Israel would not be here to stay and Jerusalem would be overthrown again and destroyed. Some among the religious Jews, living in Israel today, do not recognize the State of Israel because of this prophecy. They do not understand that this prophecy was fulfilled at the coming of Jesus and in the years soon following, in the first century this side of Christ; that Jesus is Messiah; therefore Israel is here to stay; and that Israel today is a direct fulfillment of the good and lasting prophecies for which the Jewish people have continually prayed and have so long awaited. [The time periods are exact].

2. What is the real condition of many who are poor in worldly possessions and others who are rich? Revelation 2:9, 3:15-17.

3. In order to partake of the unsearchable riches, what instruction is further given in Revelation 3:18?

4. Who stands at the door, always ready to help us? Revelation 3:20.

5. If we through His presence and help are successful in overcoming the world and its attractions, what promise does Jesus make in this connection? Revelation 3:21.

6. Although Jesus himself was so poor that He had nowhere to lay His head, does He possess the power of conferring real wealth upon others, and has He not done so? 2 Corinthians 6:10.

7. What warning is given of covetousness and does a man's life really consist of the things which he possesses? Luke 12:15.

8. What is said of the person who lays up earthly treasures and is not rich toward God? Luke 12:16-21.

NOTE: Christ does not condemn earthly treasures so long as that person is rich toward God and is dividing with Him that portion required, and in so doing is helping those in need.

9. Should the Lord's faithful people refrain from liberally assisting the cause with their finances for fear that they may come to want and suffer? Luke 12:22-30.

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7. What has made it possible for the Gentile nations to be grafted into the commonwealth of Israel? Ephesians 2:11-14.

8. Are they now members of Abraham's family and fellow-heirs? Galatians 3:26-29; Ephesians 3:5,6; Romans 10:12.

9. What severe warning is given to the grafted in heirs? Romans 11:20-23.

10. What are the Gentile believers dutifully bound to do? 1 Peter 2:5,9,10.

11. How unsearchable is this mysterious act of God? Romans 11:33-36.

Lesson for September 10, 2016.

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.

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