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Lesson for October 2, 1976
SOUND DOCTRINE A NECESSITY

Scripture reading: 2 Tim. 3:1-17.

Memory Verse: 2 Tim. 3:15.

1. Is it a fact that knowing the truth is the only mark of sincerity? 2 Thess. 2:13; John 17:17.
2. Through what source did the Holy Scripture come, and how is it to be used? 2 Peter 1:21; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17.
Note. — Jesus plainly tells us in John 17:17 that the word of God is the truth, and Timothy tells us that all Scripture is given by the inspiration of God. This being so, we are made to wonder what the Lord our God thinks about people who take dictionaries and encyclopedias, thus attempting to prove that certain passages and words in the Bible are incorrect and false.
3. What kind of doctrine must we refuse? Eph. 4:14; 1 Tim. 4:1-7.
4. In this age of deception what must we do? 1 Thess. 5:21.
5. By what must we test all faith and beliefs? Isa. 8:20.
6. How do we know that people will not always be governed by the Bible? 2 Tim. 4:3-5.
7. Will there be false teachers among God's people in the last days, who seemingly will teach the scriptures, and at the same time deny the Lord who bought them? 2 Pet. 2:1-3.
8. If we refuse the truth of God's Holy word, what results will follow? 2 Thess. 2:10-12.
9. To what are those who teach false doctrine likened? 2 Pet. 2:17-19,
10. By what criterion should our teaching be established? 1 Tim. 6:3-5.
11. What double assurance and promise do we have? John 8: 32.
12. Of what are they guilty of when they teach doctrine which Jesus did not teach? 2 John 9.

Note. - In these days of deception there are many things taught which are not contained in the Holy Bible, therefore they are the doctrines of men and must be treated as such, for they are vain. Mark 7:7.

13. How does Titus tell us that we might be able to convince or silence the gainsayers when they teach commandments of men and Jewish fables? Titus 1:9-14.

Lesson for October 9, 1976

SHINING FOR JESUS

Scripture Reading: 1 Thess. 5.

Memory Verse: John 8:12.

1. Who is the light of the world? How must those walk who follow this light? John 8:12; 9:5.
2. How did Jesus let His light shine? Acts 10:38.
3. What is said of the cities which He visited? Matt. 4:16.
4. What did Jesus say His people are? For what purpose do men place a light in a dark place? Matt. 5:14-16.
5. How are the Christian people to make use of the light which God has given them? 2 Cor. 4:6; 1 Pet. 2:12.
6. What great danger threatens those who do not walk in the light? John 12:35.
7. How are the people of God to regard the Bible, God's Holy Word? Psa. 119:105; 12:6.
8. What class of people stumble? When? John 11:9, 10 Matt. 15:14.
9. Are Jesus and the Word separable? John 1:4, 14.
Note. — We see that in the beginning Jesus was the Word, and the Word is a lamp and a light unto all whom the Lord has chosen. Therefore, we must expect that the people of the Lord will continue to believe and cherish the Word, and not dissect it as we find many are doing at this present time.
10. What did Jesus say about the light? John 8:12.
11. Are the born again people permitted to walk in darkness or have fellowship with the same? Eph. 5:11; Rom. 13:12; 2 Cor. 6:14.
12. What was Paul's admonition to the Philippians brethren? Phil. 2:15.
13. If we refuse to walk in the light what may we expect? Eph. 5:6; 2 Thess. 2:10-12.
14. If we say that we are Christians and walk in darkness what are we proving? 1 John 1:6.

15. How will we conduct ourselves towards the brethren if we walk in the light? 1 John 2:9-11.

Lesson for October 16, 1976

THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

Scripture Reading: St. Matthew 19:1-18.

Memory Verse: Exodus 20:14.

1. What reply did Jesus give when a man asked Him how he might gain eternal life? St. Matt. 19:16, 17.
2. Did Jesus make it plain to him that He was referring to the Holy Ten Commandments which were written by the finger of God upon two tables of stone? Matt, 19:18, 19.
3. Which one of the Holy Ten Commandments were the Pharisees inquiring about? Matt. 19:3.
4. What was Jesus' reply? Matt. 19:4-6.
5. When a man or woman divorces and remarries; what sin are they committing? Mark 10:11, 12; Luke 16:18.
6. What instruction did the wise man, Solomon, give concerning this gross sin? Prov. 6:32.
7. How long is a marriage to continue, and when may either party remarry? 1 Cor. 7:10, 11, 39; Rom. 7:2.
8. If anyone who knows the truth concerning divorce and remarriage goes and commits this gross sin; what are they to be referred to as? Rom. 7:1-3.
9. When a man and women have entered into a marriage agreement, who witnesses this covenant? Mai. 2:14-16.
Note. — Many who are ignorant of God's Holy Law are divorcing and remarrying, which of course is very unfortunate for the ones involved. We thank the good Lord that He winks at the sins which have been committed ignorantly; but he that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, shall be beaten with many stripes.
10. May a man who has been involved in any way in these unfortunate circumstances be a preacher or hold an office in the Church of God? 1 Tim. 3:2. Titus 1:5, 6.

11. Whom will the Lord our God judge? Heb. 13:4 (Last part).
12. What class of people will not inherit life eternal? 1 Cor. 6:9, 10.

Note. — Divorce and remarriage is one of the gross sins which is mounting by leaps and bounds, just as Jesus said that it would at the time of the end.

Although the law of the land allows it, yet it is sin in the sight of Almighty God.

All sinners shall be cast into the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone.

We need to be careful and teach the truth, not only on this vital subject, but as Paul said, "I have not shunned to declare unto you the whole counsel of God".

Act 20:27.

Lesson for October 23, 1976

CREATION WEEK — LITERAL DAYS

Scriptures Reading: Isaiah 40:10-31.

Memory Verse: Ex. 20:11.

1. How are we told creation was accomplished? Psa. 33:6-9; Gen. 1:3, 6, 11.
2. How complete was this creation? John 1:3, Heb. 11:3.
3. What further leads us to know the days were literal? Gen. 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31.
4. Was Christ with the Father at creation? Gen. 1:26; John 8:58 Col. 1:16-18.
5. What did Christ say of the length of the day? John 11:9.

Note. — In these last days there are many teachers and self styled preachers going around teaching many things contrary to the account of the creation given by God. One of the fallacies taught by many is that each day in the creation week was of much longer duration than the 24 hours which constitute the present day. That teaching is false; for a day in the creation was of the same duration as a day is in this age, and it will continue this way until the complete change takes place when the Holy City of God comes down, and then there will be no more night.

6. How great is the power of God? Isa. 40:25, 26.
7. What three divisions of time are recorded from the beginning? Gen. 2:2, 3; 5:5.
8. What was to govern the seasons, days, and years? Gen. 1:14.
9. What further shows the weekly cycle must not be broken? Ex. 20:8-11.
10. What is the first step in denying God and His work? 2 Pet. 3:3-6.

Lesson for October 30, 1976

DECEPTIVE TEACHINGS OF THE LAST DAYS

Scripture Reading: 1 Cor. 3rd Chapter.

Memory Verse: Rom. 16:17.

1. Is there danger of being deceived? Col. 2:8; 1 John 4: 1
 2. What will become of those who follow the teachings of man? Col. 2:20-22.
 3. Did the disciples understand the gospel or mission of Christ at first? Luke 9:51-56.
 4. Even after Pentecost, how did Peter fail in leading the Church? Gal. 2:11-13.
 5. In what way are people most easily deceived? 2 Peter 2:1-3.
 6. What unfavorable condition developed at Corinth that could have been the result of deception? I Cor. 1:11-13.
 7. What were some converts trying to bring into the church in the time of Paul? Gal. 4:8-11; Acts 15:5.
 8. With what strong words did Paul withstand these teachings? Acts 15:10.
 9. What present-day trend hindered even the early church? 3 John 9, 10.
 10. How did John warn the Christians about deceivers in his day? 2 John 6, 7.
 11. What must a Christian do in order to know the truth and not be deceived? 1 John 4:1
- Note.** — Those who are willingly deceived may be divided into two classes; those who love the tradition of men so well that they refuse to consider evidence from the Bible, God's Holy Word, which may disturb their present thought, and those who are not interested enough in the truth to study for themselves.
12. How did Jesus warn about deceivers in these last days? St. Matt. 24:4, 5, 11, 24.
 13. How are we to try the spirits? Isa. 8:20.
 14. On what foundation must we build in order to be certain we will not be deceived— Eph. 2:20, 21.
 15. What unwillingness will some Priests (Ministers) show towards accepting the truth of God's Holy Word? Ez. 22:26.

Lesson for November 6, 1976
THE TENTH COMMANDMENT

Scripture Reading: Rom. 7:1-25.

Memory Verse: Exodus 20:17.

1. How does the Apostle John define sin? 1 John 3:4.
2. Did Jesus come into the world to destroy the law? Matt. 5:17; Isa. 42:21.
3. How does Jesus say that this law will continue? Matt. 5:18.
4. Often people refer to the Ten Commandment law as being carnal; but how does the Word of the Lord refer to the Holy Commandments? Rom. 7:12-4.
5. Did Paul find it burdensome to keep the Holy Law of God? How does David express the same thought? Rom. 7:22; Psa. 1:1-2; 119:35, 92 and 174.
6. What does the tenth Commandment specifically forbid? Ex. 20:17; Rom. 7:7; Deut 5:21.
7. With what other sins is the sin of covetousness listed? Rom. 13:9; 1 Cor. 5:11.
8. What are the godly commanded to flee, and what are some of the sorrows caused by coveting? 1 Tim. 6:10, 11.
9. From whence do evil thoughts, covetousness, and lust proceed? St. Mark 7:21-23.
10. What must we do in order to overcome the lust of the flesh? Col. 3:5, 6.
11. What did Jesus say about covetousness? St. Luke 12:15.
12. Will the covetous inherit the kingdom along with the righteous? 1 Cor. 6:9, 10; Eph. 5:5.
13. Must we expect a covetous condition to be in existence in the last days? 2 Tim. 3:2; 2 Pet. 2:13, 14.
14. What should all of God's people be desirous of? 1 Cor. 12:31; 14:39.

Note. — We are warned again and again to flee the terrible sin of covetousness. We know that this is one of the sins of the age in which we are living; Therefore we need to pray as David prayed; "Search me, Oh God, and know my thoughts: And see if there by any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

Lesson November for 13, 1976

WORSHIPPING WITH REVERENCE IN THE HOUSE OF GOD

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 3rd Chapter

Memory Verse: Leviticus 26:2.

1. Why did the Lord desire the children of Israel to build a sanctuary? Exodus 25:8.
2. How were the people taught to regard the sanctuary which was built in the wilderness? Leviticus 19:30.

Note. — The Church is the sanctuary for the congregation. There should be rules in regard to the time, and manner of worshipping. Nothing that is sacred, nothing that pertains to the worship of God, should be treated with carelessness or indifference. Gum chewing, nail filing, or unnecessary moving about shows a spirit of disrespect for the Lord God in the place of worship.

3. How was the presence of God manifested in the wilderness? Exodus 40:33-35; How was it manifested in the Temple, the place of worship? 2 Chronicles 5:13, 14.
4. What should be our attitude when we come into the sanctuary (presence) of God to worship? Psalms 89:7; 96:1, 6.
5. Who will be in our very midst if we conduct ourselves according to the Word? St. Matthew 18:20.
6. How is the unseen One to be regarded? Revelation 4:11; 5:12.

Note. — If some have to wait a few minute before the service begins, let them maintain a true spirit of devotion, keeping their hearts lifted up to God in prayer that the service may be a special benefit to their own heart and lead to the conviction and conversion of other souls.

7. What is said of the name of the Lord? Psalms 111:9; St. Luke 1:49.
8. What instruction did Solomon give concerning proper conduct in the house of God? Ecclesiastes 5:1, 2.
9. What instruction did the great Apostle Paul give about behaviour in the house of worship? 1 Timothy 3:15.

Lesson for November 20, 1976

THE RESURRECTION

Scripture Reading: 1 Cor. 15:1-58

Memory Verse: 1 Cor. 15:22.

1. Will everyone be resurrected? St. 5:28, 29.
2. When will the righteous be resurrected unto life eternal? 1 Cor. 15:22, 23; Rev. 20:4; 1 Thess. 4:16.
3. What will happen to the saints who will be alive at the appearing of Jesus? 1 Thess. 4:17; 1 Cor. 15:51-53.
4. Where will the resurrected saints dwell and what will be their work during the millennium? Rev. 5:10; Dan. 7:27; Luke 19:15-19.

Note. — What a wonderful blessing awaits all the faithful in Christ Jesus? All who have died in the Lord will be made alive at the appearing of Jesus, while the living saints will be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, and they will live and reign with Christ a thousand years. During this time Jesus will be reigning upon the throne of David. Luke 1:32; Isa. 24:23.

5. Where will the wicked dead be during this millennial age? Rev. 20:5, 6.
6. Will the wicked ever be resurrected? John 5:28, 29.
7. For what purpose will the wicked be brought forth? Job 21:30; 2 Pet. 2:9.
8. When the wicked are resurrected, where will they have to appear? Rev. 20:11, 12.

Note. — The judgment is for the wicked, since the righteous went to judgment when they confessed their sins, were born again and became obedient unto the words of the Lord; thus they passed from death unto life and became members of the family of God. 1 Tim. 5:24; St John 5:24.

9. What will the final end of the wicked be? Rev. 20:13-15; 21:8.

Lesson for November 27, 1976

CONFORMITY WITH THE WORLD

Scripture Reading: Eph. 2:1-22.

Memory Verse: Rom. 12:2.

1. What sound advice must every Christian constantly heed? 1 John 2:15-17.
2. What must be the Christian's aim in life? Col. 3:1-3.

3. What Old Testament example of worldliness do we have which was of major importance to the children of Israel, but was condemned by God? Isa. 2:6-9; 3:1-11, 16-25.
4. How does James express the necessity of separation from the world? James 1:27; 4:4-6.
5. On what final point did Satan tempt Jesus in the wilderness? Matt. 4:8, 9.
6. What desire caused Israel to fall in the days of Samuel? 1 Sam. 8:5, 6.
7. How does Peter's admonition concur with the attitude of the modern "emancipated" women? 1 Pet. 3:1-6. What about the men? Verses 7, 8.
8. What will a true Christian always take into consideration? Rom. 14:7, 21; 1 Cor. 8:13.
9. What good admonition does Peter give us that we should keep in mind whatever we do or wherever we go? 1 Peter 2:9, 10.
10. When Peter suggested something which was against the will of God; what did Jesus say to him? St. Matt. 16:21-23.
11. Will those who possess the Holy Spirit have any fellowship with evil works? Eph. 5:8-12.
12. What will the grace of God teach us? Titus 2:11-13.

Lesson for December 4, 1976

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

Scripture Reading: St. Luke 21:7-27.

Memory Verse: 1 Thess. 4:16.

1. Is there any evidence in the Holy Scriptures that Jesus will return to the earth again? Acts 1:9-11.
2. On one occasion what question did the disciples ask Jesus? St. Matthew 24:3.
3. How did Jesus answer this question? St. Matthew 24:6, 7, 24, 29, 30.
4. What does the Apostle Paul say about Christ's second coming? 1 Thess. 4:16; 2 Thess. 1:7-10.
5. How old is the doctrine of Christ's second coming? Jude 14, 15.
6. What will be the manner of Christ's second coming? St. Matthew 24:25-27, 1 Thess. 4:16.

7. Will the people of the world see Him when He comes? Rev. 1:7.
8. What will be the reaction of those who are not ready for Christ's coming? St. Matthew 24:30; Rev. 6:15-17.
9. Who will accompany Christ when He returns to the earth? St. Matthew 25:31.
10. Is it possible for anyone to know the day or the hour of Christ's second coming? St. Matthew 24:36.

Note. — In times past, a number of self-styled prophets have attempted to pin-point the exact time of the return of Jesus. All have miserably failed, thus bringing shame upon themselves and the people who have been deceived by them. Jesus plainly said that of the day and the hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of Heaven, but the Father only. Let us be content to leave the things which have not been revealed in the Father's hands.

11. What word of admonition did Jesus give regarding His return? St. Matthew 24:42.
12. Since Christ tells us to watch, has He not given us something to watch? St. Luke 21:31-36; 2 Timothy 3:1-5;

Lesson for December 11, 1976

KEEPING OUR CONVERSATION ARIGHT

Scripture Reading: James 3rd Chapter

Memory Verse: Psalms 50:23.

1. How important are our words? St. Matthew 12:37.
2. From what source do our words come? St. Matthew 12:34, 35.
3. What was King David's prayer concerning the meditations of his heart and the words of his mouth? Psalms 19:14.
4. What does the ninth commandment forbid? Ex. 20:16.
5. In what way did the Lord God admonish the Children of Israel about the tongue? Leviticus 19:16.
6. Unto what are the words of a talebearer likened? Proverb 26:21-22; 17:9.
7. What effect will restraining from tale bearing have upon a strife torn people? Proverbs 26:20.

8. What did Solomon, the wise man, say about words that are fitly (wisely) spoken? Proverbs 25:11.
9. How vast is the difference in the speech from the lips which are controlled by the Lord and those which are not? Isaiah 57:19-21.
10. What is one called who can control his tongue? James 3:2.
11. Why must Christian be so very careful about their speech? St. Matthew 12:36, 37.
12. Does the Lord our God know all about words? Psalms 139:4.
Note. — One thing which seems so easy and natural for many people to do is to talk foolishly. There are too many things to say that will amuse people and make them laugh. This is one of the chief enjoyments of worldly people, but Christian have a higher and greater joy than this, and it is out of place for them to make practice of such foolishness.
13. Along with what other base sins is foolish talking likened? Ephesians 5:3, 4.

Lessons for December 18, 1976

PROMISES FOR OBEDIENT CHILDREN

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:1-18.

Memory Verse: Exodus 20:12.

1. What is the first commandment with promise? Ephesians 6:2.
2. What promise is connected with this commandment? Exodus 20:12.
3. Is the Lord pleased with children who 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 in behalf of children? St. Matthew 19:14.
10. What did He do to the children to show that He loved them? St. Mark 10:16.
11. How may all receive the Lord's blessings today? St. Matthew 21:22.
12. What command is given to those who are young? 1 Timothy 4:12.

13. What wonderful promises has God given to all who will serve Him? Revelation 21:4 & 22:3-7.

Lesson for December 25, 1976

FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER

Scripture Reading: St. Matt. 18th Chapter.

Memory Verse: Matt. 6:15.

1. What is necessary for us to do in order to receive forgiveness of our sins? St. Mark 11:15.
2. Will God pardon those who do not forgive their fellow men? Matt. 6:15; Mark 11:26, Matt. 18:12.

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. 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.
11. What treatment did the unmerciful servant receive from his Lord? 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.