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Lesson for July 2, 1977

WILL THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE BE SAVED?

Scripture reading: Luke 13:23-30.

Memory verse: Luke 12:23.

1. What question did the disciple ask Jesus on one occasion? Luke 13:23.
2. What was His answer? Luke 13:24; Matt. 7:13, 14.
3. How does Jesus speak of the days of Noah in connection with His coming? Matt. 24:37.
4. What was the condition in the days of Noah and how did God feel about it? Gen. 6:5, 7.
5. Were the majority saved? Gen. 7:7.

Note. — This made a total of eight souls that were saved during the flood.

Although Noah was a preacher, of righteousness for years and years, he was unable to make the people see the coming destruction which would take them all away unless they would turn to God. Christ likens His second coming to the days of Noah, and believing His words to be true, we cannot expect the majority to turn from their wicked ways. However, we must continue to send the gospel out even as Noah did.

6. How many were saved out of the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah? Gen. 19:15.
7. What happened to Lot's, wife? What are we admonished to remember? Gen. 19:26; Luke 17:32.
8. What promise does Christ make to the few? Luke 12:32.
9. What does Christ say concerning the ones who will enter the Kingdom of God? Matt. 7:21.
10. Will there be many pleading for admittance into the Kingdom? Matt. 7:22.
11. What will happen to the class of His servants who are unprofitable in finishing the work? Matt. 25:30.

Lesson for July 9, 1977

ENVY AND JEALOUSY

Scripture reading: Prov. 27th chapter

Memory verse: Job 5:2.

1. What did Solomon say in his proverb about envy? Prov. 27:4.
2. How cruel is jealousy? Songs of Solomon 8:6.
3. What was the result of Cain's jealousy? 1 John 3:12
4. Does a man have to slay one in order to be a murderer? 1 John 3:15.
5. With what were the Jews filled when they saw the multitudes come to hear Paul? Acts 13:44-18.
6. What are some of the fruits of envy? James 3:16.
7. How does Job explain envy? Job 5:2.

Note. — Envy and jealousy are sin and come because of a lack of the Holy Spirit. If we are to overcome these sins, one must seek power from Heaven, and the Lord will give it to change our life.

8. "A sound heart is life of the flesh". What is envy? Prov. 14:30.
9. Is it possible for anyone to have envy in their hearts and still be saved? Gal 5:21.
10. What did the Apostle Paul say we should put away? Eph 4:31
11. How can this be done? Eph. 4:32.

Note. — Truly jealousy is as cruel as the grave, and often exists among church members, yea even among ministers. Oh that might learn to esteem others better than self.

Lesson for July 16, 1977

LAST DAY CONDITIONS PRE-ANNOUNCED

Scripture reading: 2 Tim. 3rd chapter.

Memory verse: 2 Tim. 3:14.

1. Describe the perilous times of which Paul spoke and tell when will they take place? 2 Tim. 3:1-7.
2. What did Paul mean in verse 7?
3. Will there a time come when there will be fewer seducers? Verse 13.
4. For what purpose did Paul say that these scriptures were written? Verses

16-17.

5. What will some of the people who think they are the children of God be doing in the last days? 1 Tim. 4:1.
 6. What will they be saying, and why? 1 Tim. 4:2.
 7. What will be the condition of the rich people in the last days? James 5:1-3.
 8. Besides living in pleasure, what have they done? Verse 6.
 9. What did Paul tell the faithful brethren to do? Verses 7-3.
 10. In these times of peril, what did Jesus say we should take heed to? Luke 21:34, 35.
 11. What was Paul's instruction to the Church for these last days? Heb. 10:25.
 12. How will the worldly people act when the Son of man is revealed coming down from Heaven and all the mighty angels with Him Rev. 6:12-17; Matt. 24:30.
- Note.** — It is evident from all the signs about us that we are living in the last days. Perilous times are here, and it behooves every one of us to lift up our heads for our redemption draweth nigh. — Luke 21:28. Also to be about our Father's business, as profitable servants of the Lord. --- Matt, 24:19-30.

Lesson for July 23, 1977

THE WORLD'S GREATEST MISSIONARY

Scripture reading: John 15:1-19,

Memory verse: John 15:5.

1. What was the special mission of our Lord Jesus in coming down to earth?
Luke 19:10:
2. In what attitude did Jesus say we were to consider our enemies? Matt. 5:44.
3. When we do good to them that hate and despitefully use us, is this not a sign of our real relation to God? Last part of verses 44, 45.
4. If we only love them that love us, are we really different from the world? Verse 47.
5. Should we hold malice, hatred, or envy, in our hearts towards even our worst enemies? Matt. 6:14, 15.
6. Did Jesus even wait until His enemies came and asked forgiveness, before He prayed and asked the Father in Heaven to forgive them? Luke 23:34.
7. What did Jesus teach regarding laying up treasures on earth? Matt. 6:19.

8. While Jesus was living His life of a missionary, and thus laying up treasures in Heaven, where did He instruct His followers to place their treasures? Matt. 6:20.
 9. What reason did He give for this? Verse 21.
 10. What did Jesus say of the fruit each tree of His planting should yield? Matt. 7:17, 19.
 11. What class of people will be considered eligible to enter the kingdom of the Lord? Verse 21.
 12. What did Jesus consider the great mission was of doing the will of His Father in Heaven? John 4:34.
 13. What was it to which He had reference, in finishing His work? Verse 35.
- Note.** — Jesus being our example, and the Holy Ghost repeatedly admonishing each child of God to follow in His steps, is it not true that everyone should be eager to help in finishing this great work, which is still in progress? We can all be missionaries in paying our tithes to publish the message of salvation.

Lesson for July 30, 1977
A SECRET OF STRENGTH

Scripture reading: 2 John.

Memory verse: 1 John 2:28.

1. What great mystery which was hidden for generations can now be ours to know? Col. 1:26, 27.
2. What great part has Christ played in the Father's plan? Col. 2:16-20; 1 John 2:23, 24; 1 John 5:10.
3. How can we detect those who are not in Christ? 2 John 7:9; 1 John 4:3.
4. How can we be sure that we are Christ's? 2 John 9, last part.
5. On the other hand, what does the anti-Christ do? 1 John 2:22.
6. What must we do in order to know of the doctrine of the Lord? John 7:17; 1 John 2:27.
7. Whose will did Jesus always seek to do? John 5:30.
8. Is it possible for us to be made perfect in Christ Jesus? Heb, 13:20 21
9. When we abide in Christ Jesus our Lord what great power is given to

us? 1 John 3:6; 4:4-6.

10. What will be the great reward given unto all who abiding in Christ Jesus? 1 John 2:28.

11. How are we able to tell whether a spirit is of God? 1 John 4:2.

Note. — Multitudes of people confess that Christ Jesus came to earth in the flesh, but few understand the very important reality of Christ dwelling in our flesh. In order to be of God, we must have Him within us. It is in our flesh that the world sees Christ.

12. When we have the Son of God, what do we have? 1 John 5:10-13.

Note. — “He that hath the Son hath life.” The way in which we have Him is in our beings. Then we “let this mind be in (us) which was in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 2:5). As long as we do this, we will not sin, as no evil comes from Him.

13. In this condition, what will our purpose be for living? Matt. 9:13; 1 Tim. 1:15.

14. What important place do we occupy here, and what must be our object and purpose of life? Matt. 5:13, 16.

Lesson for August 6, 1977

REDEMPTION THROUGH YIELDING TO CHRIST

Scripture reading: Romans 6.

Memory verse: Romans 6:16.

1. Why is a change necessary in man's nature? Rom. 8:7, 8.

Note. — To be carnal means to be fleshly or in man's natural state.

2. What excellent advice did Hezekiah give the people in his day? 2 Chron. 30:8.

3. What blessings were to accompany their yielding in this instance? Verse 9.

4. To what state did Paul liken yielding to God in Romans 6:13?

5. Does this mean to continue in sin? Verses 14, 15.

6. Why is it so vitally important that we be yielded to God rather than to the powers of evil? Rom. 6:16; Matt. 6:24.

7. What will be the results of yielding to God? Rom. 6:11; 1 Pet. 2:24; Heb. 9:14, 15.

8. What beautiful promise did Christ Jesus give to God? A person no longer

strives in himself for righteousness, but puts on the righteousness of Christ Jesus. Instead He opens the door and lets Him in. — Rev. 3:20.

Note. —This must not be misconstrued, for Christ said to strive to enter in at a strait gate.

9. If a people try to establish their own righteousness what do they do? Romans 10:1-3.
10. Do we need to fear that the burden will be too great to bear? Matt. 11:29, 30; 1 Pet. 5:7.
11. After having found the Lord, and His true way to righteousness, will our lives be profitable to God in soul winning? John. 15:1, 2.

Note. — By this we can see that it is necessary to be completely surrendered when we come to Christ Jesus our Lord and Saviour. — Matt. 11:28, 29.

Lesson for August 13, 1977

THE CHURCH PERSECUTED

Scripture reading: Acts 9:1-18.

Memory verse: Acts 22:4.

1. How did the Apostle Paul regard the Church at one time? Gal. 1:13; Acts. 8:1-3.
2. Because of the fact that Paul had persecuted the Church of God, how did he feel about being chosen as an apostle? 1 Cor. 15:9.
3. How was it that Paul was chosen as an apostle or even obtained mercy after being a persecutor of the Church? Acts 9:1-17; 1 Tim. 1:13.
4. Did Paul suffer persecution after becoming a member of the Church of God? 2 Cor. 11:24-27; Acts 14:19.
5. What does Paul say of all who will live godly in Christ Jesus? 2 Tim. 3:12.
6. As individual members of the Church of God, from what source may we expect persecution? Matt. 10:34-37.
7. As a collective body, from what source may the church expect persecution? Acts 20:28-30; 2 Pet. 2:1-2; Matt. 24:11, 24.
8. Should we be surprised or think it strange if we have trials? 1 Peter 4:12.
9. In the case of sufferings, trials and persecution, should we recant, or rejoice? Verses 13, 14.

10. Will the Church have trials and be persecuted in the future? Rev. 12:17, also chapter 17:12-14.
11. What is said about those who are delivered in this time of final persecution?
Verse 14 last part.
Note. — Three steps are mentioned herein to qualify us for the “Bride of Christ” — to be called, chosen, and faithful.
12. Will those who are faithful in little things also be faithful in the bigger things?
Luke 16:10-13.

Lesson for August 20, 1977
JERUSALEM AND MOUNT ZION

Scripture reading: Isaiah 62:1-12.

Memory verse: Psalms 102:16.

1. When the trumpet of the seventh angel sounds, what will great voices from Heaven announce? Rev. 11:15.
2. Who will assist the Saviour and King in this new kingdom? Rev. 20:4; also Rev. 2:25-27.
3. Where will the overcomers rule with the King? Will it be in Heaven or here on the earth? Rev. 5: 9, 10.
4. What place here on earth will be the headquarters of the Kingdom? Psalms 110:2; Zec. 1:17; also 2:12, 13.
5. What will happen to the wicked kings, and the nations that will not serve our King, during this rule with a rod of iron? Psalms 110:2; Zec. 14:9.
6. Will Jerusalem be made a praise in the earth in the work for the preparation for the coming King? Isa. 62:6, 7.
7. What is said about the reward, and will He have a work ahead of Him to do after He comes? Isa. 2:4; 1 Cor. 15:25-28.
8. What is said about a set time to favor Zion? Psalms 102:13.
9. Following this set time will Zion be built up before the King returns? Psalms 102:14-16.
10. Will it be the rich or the poor people who will trust in Zion and love her? Isaiah 14:32.
11. What is said of those who hate Zion, and those who forget His Holy Mountain?

Psalms 129: 5; Isa. 65:11, 12.

12. Is the Lord particularly zealous for Zion, and does it have a special place with Him, and for His people? Zec. 1:14; Psa. 53:6.

Lesson for August 27, 1977

WATCH FOR THE SIGNS OF HIS COMING

Scripture reading: 1 Thess. 5:1-28.

Memory verse: 1 Thess. 5:6.

1. What command is given to us by the Lord Jesus Christ? Matt. 42:44; 25:13.
2. What are we to watch? Luke 21:31.
3. What condition did Jesus say would be in the world preceding His coming? Luke 21:25; 17:28-30; Matt. 24:6, 7.
4. What signs are given, of a special nature, indicating the soon coming of Christ Jesus? 2 Tim. 3:1-5; Matt. 24:37-39.
5. What is said about great increases of knowledge at this time? Dan. 12:4.
Note. — It is a well known fact that the century just passed, and the present one, are unsurpassed by any age of this world's history, as far as advancement and inventive skill are concerned.
6. What is said about the hoarding of wealth, as one of the signs of the end of the age? James 5:1-3.
7. In connection with gaining wealth, what does James say about troubles in the field of labour? James 5:4.
8. Will the people at this time enjoy hearing sound doctrine? 2 Tim. 4:3, 4.
9. What is said about evil men and seducers? 2 Tim. 3:13.
10. What is the parable of the fig tree? Matt. 24:32, 33.
11. Have we any prophecies concerning the gathering of the literal Jews? Isa. 11:12; Jer. 32:37.
12. How will many regard, or rather disregard all of these signs which are coming to pass? 2 Pet. 3:3, 4.

Lesson for September 3, 1977

THE BIBLE — ITS ORIGIN

Scripture reading: Deut. 4:1-24.

Memory verse: Deut. 4:8.

1. How is the Word described in Heb. 4:12?
2. What is the Word called in Heb. 5:12?
3. What is it called in Rom. 1:1, 2?
4. What is every Word of God said to be? Prov. 30:5.
5. What Scriptures did Christ mean when He said, "Search the Scriptures"? John 5:39.
6. Whose words did Moses write? Ex. 24:4.
7. Who gave Moses His pattern of the sanctuary? Heb. 8:5.

Note. — The Bible is an inspired book. Moses, to whom the Genesis is accredited, could not have given us that history, which was thousands of years before his birth, unless he was inspired by God. He began the work of the Old Testament and Malachi finished it. It covered a period of more than 1,000 years, and was written under various circumstances, yet all is in perfect agreement.

8. Where did God tell Joshua to keep the book of the law? Josh. 1:8.
9. How often were they read to the Jews in the New Testament? Acts 15:21.
10. Who wrote the letter to the Corinthians? 1 Cor. 1:1, 2.
11. Should we add or take away from the Bible? Rev. 22:18, 19.
12. What should we always preach? 2 Tim. 4:2,

Lesson for September 10, 1977

THE MESSAGE OF RECONCILIATION

Scripture reading: 2 Cor. 5th chapter.

Memory verse: 2 Cor. 5:19.

1. By whom are we reconciled? 2 Cor. 5:18.
2. What is committed unto us? 2 Cor. 5:19.
3. What makes reconciliation possible? Acts 2:38.

Note. — Many find it hard to live the Christ-life. The reason is though they have been reconciled and have their sins forgiven, their minds are not wholly transformed to things spiritual, love for the world's fads and fashions still has a hold on them.. Others, like newborn babes, have desired the sincere milk of the word, are growing in the image of Christ and are a blessing to others.

4. What are the ministers of Christ called? 2 Cor. 5:20.
5. What is the gift of God? Rom. 6:23.
6. What must we do after we are reconciled to God? Rom. 12:1.
7. Unto what should we not conform? Rom. 12:2 (first part).
8. Unto what should we be transformed? Rom. 12:2 (last part).
9. What kind of promises comb with reconciliation? 2 Pet. 1:4.
10. What gives life to the Word of God? John 6:63.
11. What should the reconciled person live by? Matt. 4:4.
12. What are the scriptures able to do? 2 Tim. 3:15,

Lesson for September 17, 1977

Are there angels and why?

Scripture reading: Heb. 1st chapter.

Memory verse: Heb. 1:14.

1. What creation of beings are there similar to man, and what is our condition compared to them? Ps. 8:4, 5.
2. What is their purpose and their work in creation? Ps. 34:7; Heb. 1:13, 14.
3. Does our Creator consider man of the same family as the angels? Eph. 3:14, 15; Rev. 22:9.
4. Does this family have the same name, and what is the name? Eph. 3:14, 15.
5. What is said of the angels of Heaven regarding the Holy Commandments? Ps. 103:20.
6. In what way are these heavenly messengers summoned to our assistance? Matt. 26:53.
7. When Peter was bound in prison with two chains, how was he set free? Acts 12:7-10.
8. Through whose prayer was he thus assisted? Verse 5.
9. How quickly it is possible for our prayers to be answered? Dan. 9:21.
10. What important relationship exists between man and the angels, pertaining to an understanding of the scriptures? Verse 22.
11. How are we to obtain divine assistance? Matt. 7:7, 8.
12. In the agony of Gethsemane, how did God supply divine assistance in this hour of crisis? Luke 22:43.

13. Are the angels of Heaven interested in human? Luke 15; 10.
14. In great time of trouble who will be our protector? Ps. 91:8, 10, 11.

Lesson for September 24, 1977

THE IMPORTANCE OF TEACHERS

Scripture reading: Titus 2nd chapter.

Memory verse: 1 Peter 5:10.

1. Do we still need teachers for the perfecting of the saints? Eph. 4:11, 12.
2. Should ministers be able to teach? 2 Tim. 1:11; Acts 5:42.
3. Is it necessary for ministers to be teachers? 1 Cor. 12:28.

Note. --- Teachers are given third place in the administration of the working of the body, and are given the proper gifts to profit with all. Many can qualify as teachers, by seeking this gift and studying the word. We are even told to covet the gifts.

4. What example of effective teaching do we find in Acts 18:24-28?
5. What is one qualification for a bishop or local Elder? 1 Tim. 3:2.
6. What special qualities makes a person an effective teacher? 2 Tim. 2:24-26.
7. Who was the greatest teacher? Matt 13:54.
8. Should a true teacher be able to interest and inspire his listeners? Luke 24:32; Matt. 7:29.
9. Paul spoke of certain ones, and what did he say they were in need of? Heb. 5:12.
10. Does he imply that a growth is necessary, and how does one become skilful in the Word? Heb. 5:13, 14.
11. Those who are taught in the Word have a duty to perform. If they are called to teach or to preach, what should they do? Gal. 6:6.
12. Finally, should each one be fully established and perfected? 2 Thess. 2:15, 17.