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Lesson For April 5, 1980

ENDURING TRIBULATIONS

Scripture reading: 1 Peter 4:12.

Memory verse: James 1:12.

1. What does the apostle Peter say for the trials of Christians? 1 Peter 4:12.
2. Why should Christians not think it strange concerning their trials? 2 Tim. 3:12; 1 Thess. 3:3, 4.
3. Were not the prophets of old examples of suffering? James 5:10; Matt. 5:12.
4. In what way were many of them tried? Heb. 11:36-38.
5. What did Christ say concerning persecution? Matt. 5:11.
6. Why should a Christian glory in tribulation? Rom. 5:3-5.
7. Are trials profitable? 1 Peter 1:7.
8. What promise have we if we suffer with Christ? 2 Tim. 2:12; Rom. 8:17.
9. If one endures the sufferings of Christ, should he be counted happy? James 5:11.
10. What promise have all who endure unto the end? Matt. 10:22; Rev. 2:10.
11. What does Christ say of those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, and spoken evil against?
12. Are the sufferings of this present time worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us? Rom. 8:18,

Note. — In a scriptural sense persecution was the active and malignant opposition which the Christians of all ages have met with from the enemies of Christ. The Scriptures class the tormentors as pagans, so today every one that persecutes the Church of God is classified as a pagan.

Lesson for April 12, 1980

ASSURING INHERITANCE

Scripture reading: 2 Peter 2nd chapter.

Memory verse: Phil. 3:14.

1. What steps are necessary in the campaign for eternal life? Heb. 11:6; Acts 3:19; Gal. 3:27.
2. For what great prize are we to seek earnestly? Phil. 3:14.

3. In order to assure our election, what special caution and admonition is given?
2 Peter 1:10.
4. Through a life of diligence and profitable service to the Lord, into what kingdom shall we be admitted, and what is the enduring nature of its citizenship? 2 Peter 1:11.
5. After having been received as candidates for this inheritance where should our greatest interest be centered? Col. 3:1, 2.
6. What should we meditate upon and earnestly labour for? Phil. 3:20.
7. The mind of Christ was filled with thoughts of missionary work; and as labourers for the high calling He has gained, what mind should we possess?
Phil. 2:5.
8. In order that our minds might dwell upon the things which concerned Christ the most, is it necessary for us to learn of His life and labors? Phil 3:8, first part; 2 Peter 3:18.
9. That we may obtain the heavenly heights to which we aspire, what is it necessary for us to know? Phil. 3:10, 11.
10. What must we forget, and unto what should we reach forward? Phil. 3:13.
11. As the campaign proceeds what are we instructed to lay aside, and what are we told to desire? 1 Peter 2:1, 2.
12. While striving to overcome this world and fleshly lust, what are we instructed to do always? Eph. 6:18.

Lesson for April 19, 1980

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

Scripture reading: Mark 13:14-37.

Memory verse: Luke 19:12.

1. Does the Bible teach the second coming of Christ? Heb. 9:28.
2. In what way is the second appearing of Jesus spoken of by Titus? Titus 2:12, 13.
3. What have the angels said about the return of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ? Acts 1:11.
4. What did Jesus say about His return to earth? Matt. 26:64.
5. Who is the first that we have record of that prophesied about the return of

Jesus? Jude 14.

6. Will the return of Jesus be in secret? Matt. 24:21, 30.

Note. — Here we are plainly told that the return will be as visible as the lighting, and not secret as taught by so many. Let us not put our trust in mere man, but let us believe what the holy divinely inspired Word of God teaches.

7. Will the wicked who will be alive at the time when Jesus returns, also see Him in the clouds? Rev, 6:16-17; Luke 13:28.

8. When Jesus returns the second time, will His feet touch this earth? Zec. 14:1-4.

9. What great authority will He have when He comes to earth the second time? Rev. 19:15-16; Zec. 14:9, Joel 3:12; Isa. 2:4.

10. What will the Lord do when He returns? Acts 3:19-21.

11. What great miracle will take place at that time? 1 Cor. 15:22-23; 1 Thess. 4:15-16.

12. Does the Bible have anything to say as to how long this reign of our Lord and Saviour Jesus will continue? Rev. 20:6; 1 Cor. 15:24-28.

13. From where will Jesus reign, and on whose throne will He sit? Luke 1:28-32; Psa. 132:11; Acts 2:29, 30.

14. Will this reign of Jesus be on the earth or in heaven? Rev. 5:9-10.

15. Will the wicked be made alive at the appearing Of Jesus, or will they remain in their graves until towards the end of the reign of Christ Jesus? Rev. 20:4-6.

Note. — We see that the righteous will be resurrected at the appearing of Jesus, and that they will reign with Him, and be priest and kings. — Rev. 5:10; Luke 19:15-18. The wicked will be made alive towards the end of this one thousand years' reign to appear before the great white judgment throne of God, and hear verdict of depart from me all that work iniquity, for I know you not." — Rev. 20:15.

Lesson for April 26, 1980

THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

Scripture reading: 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? 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 did the Pharisees mock? Matt. 19:3.
4. What was Jesus' reply? Matt. 19:4-6.
5. When a man or women divorces and remarries, what sin is he or she 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 is he to be referred to as? Rom. 7:1-3.
9. When a man and woman have entered into a marriage agreement, who witnesses this covenant? Mal. 2:14-16.
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" — Acts 20:27.

Lesson for May 3, 1980

THOU SHALT NOT BOW DOWN THYSELF

Scripture reading: Acts 14:11-23.

Memory verse: Exodus 20:5.

1. Is the Lord our God a jealous God? Ex. 20:3-5.
2. What did the Lord God forbid his people to make unto themselves Ex. 20:23; Lev. 26:1; Deut. 4:15-18, 23-24.
3. When Israel disobeyed this commandment shortly after leaving Egypt how many of them did God consume in one day? Exodus 32:28, 19-21.
4. What did the Lord our God command His people they were to inherit the Land promised unto their fathers? Numbers 33:51-52.
5. Was Israel obedient in this? Ezekiel 23:12-16.
6. At the time of the prophet Ezekiel did the children of Israel worship images and idols? Was this an abomination in the sight of the Lord? Ezekiel 8:5, 10.
7. On what will the Lord show His displeasure when He comes? Isa. 2:12, 16.
8. What was John told when he bowed himself down to worship an angel? Rev. 19:10, 22:8-9.
9. Whom did Jesus say that we should worship? John 4:23-24.
10. Who were the angels asked to worship? Heb. 1:6.
Note. — We must worship the Father and the Son, but we are forbidden to worship or pray to angels or any of the host of heaven.
11. What are we particularly warned to flee from by the great apostle Paul? 1 Cor. 10:14.
Note. — Again and again we are warned in the New Testament as well as in the Old against idolatry. The dictionary has this to say: Idolater, an adorer of images, one who is inordinately fond of some person or thing. Image, a visible representation of something, a statue, picture, idol, etc. Too bad that there are so many people who worship images (pictures) of Jesus, and Mary His mother or angels, or even saints or someone who has died. Surely this is idolatry and is forbidden.
12. What did Paul and Barnabas do when people gathered together to worship them? Acts 14:11-18.
13. Where will all the idolaters have their part? Rev. 21:8.

Lesson for May 10, 1980

THE NEW COVENANT

Scripture reading: Acts 3:12-26.

Memory verse: Acts 3:25.

1. How did the prophet Malachi describe the messenger of the new covenant? Mal. 3:1-3.
2. What did Moses prophesy about the messenger of the covenant? What did he say would happen to all those who would refuse to hear this messenger? Deut. 18:18-19; Acts 3:22, 23.
3. With what prophetic words did John the Baptist testify about the ministry of Jesus? Matt. 3:11, 12.
4. Was the first covenant faultless? Heb. 8:7-10.
5. How did the apostle Paul describe the ministry of the messenger of the new covenant? Heb. 7:22, 24, 25, 8: 1, 2, 6.
6. How long was the first covenant to be effective? Gal. 3:19.
7. Have any of the ordinances of the old covenant been carried over into the era of the new covenant? Heb. 8:13; Gal. 2:14-16.
8. What comparison did Paul make between the continual offering for sin under the old covenant and the supreme sacrifice? Heb. 9:1, 7-10, 14, 15.
9. During Paul's ministry did some brethren try to persuade the church to continue in the observance of the old covenant? Acts 15:1, 5, 24; Gal. 2:4.
10. How did Paul rebuke these false teachers (brethren)? Acts 15, 5, 10, 11, 28, 29.
11. Under the new covenant, who is the believer's mediator? 1 Tim. 2:5, 6; Heb. 9:24.
12. What did Paul say regarding the observance of any part of the old covenant? Gal. 3:9, 10.
13. What has the messenger of the new covenant promised to all who accept Him as the complete remedy for sin? Heb. 9:28, 13:20, 21.

Note. — Christ Jesus left heaven's glory and came to earth, where His life's blood was poured out upon calvary's cross. Let us rejoice and praise God for this marvelous manifestation of love. We should glory in this new covenant and not attempt to keep the old covenant, which was done away in Christ Jesus.

Lesson for May 17, 1980
PUTTING OFF THE OLD —
PUTTING ON THE NEW

Scripture reading: Romans 6.

Memory verse: Col. 3:9.

1. When man repents and avails himself of redemption through Christ Jesus our Lord, what must he do? Acts 2:37-41.

Note. — This water baptism was given to men who repented and wished to take their stand for Christ Jesus, and reject the sins of this world.

2. What does baptism mean, and what does it accomplish for all who humble themselves and are obedient unto Him who has called man to come unto Him? Rom. 6:3
3. How does a Christian act, and what does a Christian put away when converted, baptized into Christ Jesus? Rom. 6:1, 3, 4-8.
4. Is the new birth new birth and water baptism necessary in order to enter into the kingdom of God? John 3:5-7.
5. How does the great apostle Paul express this? Col. 2: 11, 12.
6. What is another reason stated by the Word, that water baptism is necessary? Col. 3:1, 2, 5, 9; Acts 22:16.

Note. — The rising up from the watery grave of baptism is an essential condition which is necessary in order to become a new creation in Christ Jesus, for whosoever is born again is born anew, born by an operation of God. A new life is necessary, not only to walk in newness of life (Rom. 6:4) but even to form the correct conception of the kingdom of God.

7. What does the apostle Paul say that baptism does for us? 1 Pet. 3:21.
8. How effective is the blood of Jesus in cleansing us from all sin and shame? 1 Cor. 6:11.

Note. “To be born again is the beginning of a new life. A new life striving for perfection in Christ Jesus. When the old man is put off it is not a constitutional change; a converted man still thinks, reasons, desires, loves, remembers and works. But the chief subjects of thoughts, of love, of hatred, are changed; they are revolutionized. It is the most radical change of which human character is susceptible. It is a change from sin to holiness, it is

a wonderful experience to be born again into the family of God.

Lesson for May 24, 1980

THE HOLY LAW

Scripture reading: Romans 13.

Memory verse: Romans 13:8.

1. What does the Bible say that sin actually is? 1 John 3:4; Rom. 3:20.
2. What was Abraham's relationship to God's Holy Law? Gen. 26:4, 5.
3. What did Abraham's great grandson refuse to do when he was tempted? Gen. 39:7-9.

Note. --- We have no record as to when God gave Abraham all these laws, commandments and statues etc. in detail, but the very fact that he kept them is sufficient that they were given to him. This is full proof that the law was in existence before it was given at Sinai.

4. What other expressions show that the law was in existence before Sinai? Ex. 16:4, 22, 23.

Note. Here we see that by refusing to keep the Sabbath day they transgressed the law. You cannot separate the Sabbath from the Ten Commandments.

5. How do we know that this is the law, that points out sin? Rom. 13:8-10.
6. How does James magnify this law? James 2:8-9.
7. How do we stand before God if we offend this law? Verse 10.
8. In what way does James appeal to our reason on this subject? Verse 11.
9. Rather than abolishing this law, how does Jesus magnify it? Matt. 5:27, 28; Isa. 42:21.
10. How does John magnify this same law? John 3:16 18.
11. Because of the carnal mind, what will the Church of God suffer in the last days? Rom, 8:7; Rev. 12:17.

Lesson for May 31, 1980

THE REDEMPTION OF MAN

Scripture reading: Romans 5.

Memory verse: Gal. 3:15 -18.

1. When we were in a fallen condition how were we redeemed? Eph. 2:1; Gal. 3:13.
2. How did this become possible when the judgment of death had been passed upon all mankind? John 3:16; Rom. 5:15.
3. Will all men avail themselves of this redemption? Matt. 7:13, 14; Luke 13:23, 24.
4. Will all men have the opportunity to accept this marvelous salvation? 1 John 2:2; 1 Tim. 2:3, 4.

Note. - As we are destitute of spiritual things, Jesus redeemed us, after having become our human kin, by shedding His precious blood. We find this is available to everyone that wished to be free from the tentacles of this sinful wicked world, Christ is everyman's redeemer. — Gal. 1:3, 4.

5. Along with redemption what else does Christ do? Titus 2:12, 14.

Note. --- Jesus Christ not only redeems but His blood also purifies the saints who humbly walk before Him.

6. What must Christians do continually in order to remain redeemed and pure? Job 11:14, 15; Luke 11:4; Ps. 34:18.
7. What did the apostle Paul ask of the Christians living at Corinth? 2 Cor. 7:9-10.
8. Redemption is actually a free gift from God. — Eph. 2:4-7.
9. How did Paul glorify God for the love which was freely showered upon him while he was still a sinner? 1 Tim. 1:14-18.

Note. — Redemption affects the fallen man. Redemption lifts man to a higher level where he can grasp the wonderful love of God. To prove that man accepts the redemption offered him, he becomes baptized by water, becoming a new creature in Christ Jesus, seeking continually those things which are above.

Lesson for June 7, 1980
PROMISE TO THE HUMBLE

Scripture reading: 1 Peter 5:1-11.

Memory verse: 1 Peter 5:6.

1. What wise admonition did Peter give? 1 Peter 5:5.
2. What command and accompanying promise did Peter also give? Verse 6.
3. How can we prove that we are worthy of being called by Him? Eph. 5:1, 2.
4. What gift which is necessary to salvation does God give to the humble? Prov. 3:34; James 4:6.
5. With whom does He promise to dwell and to revive? Isa. 57:15.
6. What are the contrasting results of those who humble, themselves and of those who exalt themselves? Matt 23:12; Prov. 29:23.
7. What in Proverbs 15:33 is borne out in Esther 7:9, 10, 9:1-5?
8. Do temporal blessings accompany humility? Prov. 23:4, 5.
9. Why would Christ not receive the honour of men while he was on earth? John 5:40-44.
10. Through what means has the Saviour attained greater honour? Phil. 2:7-11.
11. Why did He take upon Himself such a humble state of poverty? 2 Cor. 8:9.
12. Where are our treasures to be stored? Matt. 6:20, 21.

Lesson for June 14, 1980
TEACHING THE CHILDREN

Scripture reading: Ephesians 6:1-10.

Memory verse: Proverbs 22:6.

1. In what manner are children to be taught? Eph. 6:4; Prov. 22:6.
Note. — One large church organization has made the statement that if they can have a child until he reaches the age of seven, they will have him for the rest of his life.
2. What will be the results if a child's development is left to himself? Proverbs 22:15, first part.
3. Should a child be taught to live a covetous, selfish life or to store treasures in heaven, by giving work to the gospel? Ecc. 12:1; Luke 6:19-21.
4. Should a parent use precaution in the manner in which he punishes his child?

Col. 3:21; Eph. 6:4, First part.

5. But should he neglect punishment when needed? Prov. 13:24, 23:13,
6. What is especially important; to one's children? Deut. 4:9, 11:13, 19,
7. Are conditions such now, as to necessitate even more diligence? 2 Tim. 3:1-3;
1 Peter 5:8.
8. May others assist the younger women in teaching their children? Tit 2:3, 4.
9. What other duty of parents toward children is very needful? 1 Tim, 5:8.
10. What encouraging condition can we look for through the working of the Holy Spirit? Mal. 4:4, 5, 6.

Lesson for June 21, 1980

SANCTIFICATION

Scripture reading: Hebrews 13:9-21.

Memory verse: John 17:17.

1. Must one first believe the Word in order to be sanctified? John 17:19.
2. What does the blood of Jesus do? Heb. 13:21; 1 John 1:7.
3. What other great part does the Lord Jesus play in our sanctification? Heb.
10:14.
4. What part does the Holy Spirit play? Rom. 15:16; Acts 1:8.
Note. — To be sanctified is to be set apart for a holy purpose; God wants His servants to be separated and made perfect.
5. What important work accompanies His sealing power? Eph. 1:13, 14; 2 Cor.
1:21, 22.
6. Does God require us to be holy? 2 Cor. 7:1; Col. 1:21, 22.
7. Then into what glorious state do we enter? Heb. 2:11.
8. Is this in answer to Jesus' prayer in John 17? Verses 21-23.
9. Are we then ready to become useful servants for Him? 2 Tim. 2:19-21.
10. If one has not met the requirements and become sanctified, what is he? 2 Cor.
13:5; Titus 1:16.
11. When thus, set apart from the world (sanctified), shall we love the world, and
desire to be like it? 1 John 2:15; Col. 3:1, 2; Rom. 12:2.
12. When thus walking with God as did Enoch of old, shall we be burying our
talents in earthy things or using them for the glory of the Heavenly Father as

profitable servants in His vineyard? Matt. 25:17, 18, 19, and verse 30.

Lesson for June 28, 1980

THE HOLY SABBATH DAY

Scripture reading: Isa. 56th chapter.

Memory verse: Isa. 56:2.

1. With what great event is the Sabbath linked? Gen. 2:1, 2.
2. What other steps, besides resting were necessary to make the Sabbath?
Verse 3.

Note. — The Lord rested, then He blessed and sanctified the rest day, thus setting it apart for holy purposes.

3. What example of Sabbath keeping did the Lord set among Israel after their deliverance? Exodus 16:4, 5, 14, 15.
4. What were they to do on the sixth day? Verses 22, 23.
5. How was this double portion preserved? Verse 24.
6. In what words did Moses stress the reason for this two-fold gathering? Verses 25, 26.
7. What was the result when the disobedient ones went out to find manna on the Sabbath? Verse 27.
8. With what words did the Lord reprove them, and what advice did He give them? Verses 28, 29.

Note. — Many present day preachers are trying to make the Sabbath Day a shadow that met its fulfillment, at the cross. They “err not knowing the Scriptures”. We observe that the Sabbath, the seventh day, antedates sin. When the Sabbath was made for man (Mark 2:27) the shadows were not in existence, for sin was not yet known. This being so, the seventh day Sabbath cannot be classed in the same category as the shadow Sabbath found in Lev. 23, and elsewhere. The Scriptures show this day to be a memorial of God’s creative work and not a shadow of anything to come.

9. For whom was the Sabbath made? Mark 2:27.
10. In the days of Israel who, besides them, were required to keep the Sabbath holy? Isa. 56:3-5.
11. What special blessings awaited the eunuchs and strangers who kept the

Sabbath in those days? Isa. 56:6, 7.