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TO BE USED WITH THE BIBLE
Workers are needed, for the harvest
is great, but laborers are few...**

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Lesson for July 5, 1980

RESISTING SATAN

Scripture reading: James chapter 4.

Memory verse: James 4:7.

1. How did Satan disrupt the peace and tranquility of the Garden of Eden? Gen. 3:1-6.
2. What happened to Achan when he succumbed to the temptation of Satan? Joshua 7:20, 21, 25.
3. What did Satan use to turn Solomon's heart from the Lord? 1 Kings 11:1-4.
4. Was the Lord Jesus exempt from the temptations of Satan? Matt. 4:1-3.

Note. — In the foregoing scriptures we see that the devil is no respecter of persons, he tempts everyone. Our daily prayer should be that God would grant us power to resist the devil, then and only then will he flee from us. --- James 4:7.

5. What can we do that will help us from certain temptations? Psa. 1:2; Prov. 4:14.
6. With what words of warning did Paul give to the Church in his ministry to the Corinthians? 1 Cor. 2:11.
7. How only may we overcome the, devil? 1 John 5:4, 5.
8. What wonderful reward awaits all who overcome the devil? Rev. 3:21, 21:7.

Note. — Without Christ Jesus we can do nothing. But thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory. For greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world.

Lesson for July 12, 1980

PERSECUTION AND HARDSHIP IN THE MINISTRY

Scripture reading: Matt. 10:16-42.

Memory verse: Matt. 10:16.

1. What was the character of the people among whom the disciples were sent? How were they instructed to behave? Matt. 10:16.
2. To what would they be subject among this class? What guarantee was given them under those conditions? Matt. 10:19-20.
3. Who among the household would take part? Matt. 10:21.

4. By how many would they be hated? Verse 22.
5. What were they to do when persecuted in one place? Verse 23.
Note. --- Then too, those who are anointed with the Holy Spirit and live in the presence of the Lord will be directed by the Spirit what to say before their persecutors.
6. What reason is given why they should not fear? Verses 29-30.
7. How is the Father's great love for us illustrated? Verses 39-40.
8. If we would be recognized before the Lord in the end, what must we do? Verses 32-33.
9. What did Jesus say He came to do? Verses 34-36.
10. What are the conditions of following Him? Verses 37-39.
Note. — These are the cross roads to which everyone who will be saved must be brought to be tested as a candidate for life eternal.
11. In this trust how shall we overcome evil? Rom. 12:21.
12. What will follow when one receives the servant of the Lord? Matt. 10:40, 41.
13. What recognition is held out to those who do even little acts of kindness to His workers? Verse 42.

Lesson for July 19, 1980
WHOM SHALL WE OBEY

Scripture reading: Acts 5:13-32.

Memory verses: Acts 5:29.

1. What proposition was put to Israel at Sinai? Ex. 19:3-6.
2. What would follow Israel if they obeyed these commandments? Deut. 11:26, 27.
3. Despite these wonderful promises, how did Israel regard the covenant? Jer. 31:31, 32.
4. What lesson may we learn from the attitude of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the time of a test? Daniel 3:8-12, 16-18, 20-26.
Note. — Let us note that there was no assurance of deliverance, but they were satisfied to die in obeying the Lord.
5. Whom do we have in the New Testament as patterns of obedience? Acts 5:26-29.

6. Who else should we obey besides the Lord, and what has God promised for this obedience? Pro. 23:22; Eph. 6:1-2.
7. Who should we obey in the church? Heb. 13:17; 1 Thess. 5:12-13.
8. How much honour are they entitled to, and should we believe every accusation? 1 Tim. 5:17-19.
9. Whom should we obey outside of the church? Titus 3:1.
10. What should be our attitude towards the ruling power? 1 Tim. 2:1, 2; 1 Peter 2:12-19.
11. What lesson should all Christians learn? 1 Sam. 15:22, 23.
12. Does the lesson of the Lord teach that the disobedient will be punished even in this life? Eph. 6:2, 3.
13. How will the Lord reward those who refuse to accept and obey Him? Prov. 1:23-33; Rom. 2:8-10.

Lesson for July 26, 1980
ASSURING OUR INHERITANCE

Scripture reading: 2 Peter chapter 2.

Memory verse: Phil. 3:14.

1. What steps are necessary in the pursuit of eternal life? Heb. 11:6.
2. For what great prize are we to earnestly seek? 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 will 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 labor for? Phil 3:20, 21.
7. The mind of Jesus was filled with thoughts of missionary work and as we labor 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 concern Jesus the most, is it necessary for us to learn of His life and labor? Phil. 3:8.
9. That we may obtain the heavenly heights to which we aspire, and what is it necessary for us to know? Phil, 3:10, 11.
10. What must we forget and what should we reach forward to? 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 the fleshly lust, what are we instructed to always do? Eph. 6:18.

Lesson for August 2, 1980
WHEN THE NATIONS COME AGAINST
JERUSALEM, WILL THE GENTILES OR JEWS
BE THERE?

Scripture reading: Ezekiel 38:14-23.

Memory verse: Ezekiel 38:16.

1. What special blessing did the Lord promise to Abraham and to his seed, and what curses were promised for his enemies? Gen. 12:1-3.
2. What race of people hold the legal deed to the Holy Land? Gen. 15:18, 17:8.
3. Has God disinherited the literal heirs to this estate? Jer. 31:35-37.
4. Is the Lord gathering the same race of people back to the land of Israel, that He removed from there? Jer. 32:37.
5. In their dispersement among the nations, were they to possess certain features by which they would be known as Jews? Isa. 61:9.
6. Is the Heavenly Father bringing the Jews back to their own land because of their merits, or for His own Name's sake? Eze. 36:22-23.
7. Will they be taught the truth by pastors and shepherds, whom the Heavenly Father has called and prepared? Jer. 3:14, 15, 23:3-4.
8. When He gives them a new heart and a new spirit, what is said of the waste land? Eze. 36:34-36.
9. When Russia and her satellites come against Jerusalem to battle will it be the people of Israel in the land or another race? Eze. 38:14, 16.
10. When the Lord gathers the nations to judgment before Jerusalem, what tribe

will be there? Joel 3:1, 2, 9-16.

Lesson for August 9, 1980

THE SECRET OF GOD'S POWER

Scripture reading: Acts 2:1-33.

Memory verse: Acts 2:46-47.

1. After Christ was resurrected and before He ascended to heaven, for what did He tell His disciples to wait? Acts 1:4.
2. What was this promise that He said they would receive? Verse 5.
3. With what were the disciples filled when the promise of the Heavenly Father came upon them? Acts 2:4.
4. As a result of the Almighty power through the holy ghost, what wonderful thing happened? Acts 2:41.
5. In what condition were the disciples of Christ when Pentecost came and the Holy Spirit was given? Acts 2:1.
6. Did they cause division and separation from each other at this time? Verses 42-46.
7. What other wonderful works were performed? Acts 3:1-8.
8. What effect did the miracles which were performed, and the preaching of the apostles, have upon those who witnessed them? Acts 4:4.
9. After the apostles had been persecuted and threatened by the elders and chief priests, what did they do? Acts 4:33.
10. What did the whole company do? Verses 24-30.
11. What was the result of their united prayer? V. 31.
12. What is said of the condition of the multitude at this time? Verse 32.
13. What was the result of this oneness of accord? Verse 33.

Note. When the Holy Spirit power from heaven fell upon the people they were all of one accord. — Acts 2:1. Because miracles were performed and mighty works were done through some of the apostles, the others did not become jealous and cause division, but they still remained with one accord. — Acts 2:46, 4:24, 32. Unity and oneness among the children of God is one of the secrets of His power.

Lesson for August 16, 1980
THE CALLING OF SERVANTS
AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS

Scripture reading: Matt 25:14-46.

Memory verse: Matt. 25:19.

1. To what is the kingdom of heaven compared and is the one going into a far country? Matt. 25:14.
Note. — This same Christ is still calling servants to labour for Him.
2. What is said about the distribution of talents, or gifts for increasing the fold, and soul winning? Verse 15.
3. What did the servant do who had received the greatest number of talents? Verses 16, 17.
4. What did the servant do who received the one talent? Verse 18.
5. What happens, after a long time (yes nearly 2,000 years)? Verse 19.
6. What is the reward given to those who make proper use of the talents given, and increasing them for soul winning? Verses 20-23.
7. What is the reward given to the servant who buries his talent in the earth, not having any increase in his life for the glory of God? Verses 24-28.
8. Instead of entering into the kingdom, what will be said to the unprofitable servant who buried himself with the pleasures and the social activities of this life? Verses 29-30.
Note. This is what millions are doing today, living entirely for themselves, and buried deeply in all of the crumbling affairs of this earthy. They seek after money, property and pleasure, worshipping the dollar and what it can give to them. A true servant of the Lord is not so. He is developing his talents and living his life for the increase of the kingdom; by witnessing for the Lord Jesus, paying his tithes and offerings, as well as living in loving obedience, and separating himself from this world.
9. In following our Lord and Saviour's steps, whose business will the most concern us? Luke 2:49.
10. Is there not something of far greater value than food for the body and raiment, and must remain first and foremost in every heart? Luke 12:23-32.
11. What will always happen to the spiritual life of the unfruitful person who buries his talents, failing to bear a fruit? Luke 13:6-9.

12. What always happens to the one who lays up in store for himself burying his talents in the earth, and is not rich towards God? Luke 12:16-21.

Lesson for August 23, 1980
THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NEAR, YES
EVEN AT THE DOOR

Scripture reading: Luke 21:24-36.

Memory verse: Luke 21:36.

1. How long were the Jewish people to be scattered in all parts of the world with Jerusalem trodden down by the gentiles? Luke 21:24.
2. What relation was the gospel of the kingdom to have, to the end of the age? Matt. 24:14.
3. While the Jews were scattered among all nations, were the gentiles to be blessed with the gospel news of this coming kingdom? Matt. 24:14.
4. As this gospel draws to a close for the gentiles, and the Jews being gathered back to their homeland, what conditions are we told will exist in the earth? Luke 21:25.
5. What is said about people being fearful of the things which are; coming to pass? Verse 26.
6. What is the last conditions mentioned, relative to the heavens before the Lord Jesus is seen coming in the clouds? Last part of verses 26, 27.
Note. Men's hearts are now failing for fear, of pending destruction by the atomic and hydrogen bombs. The energy is becoming a very serious problem, with many other alarming events happening, which all adds to the confusion which will exist in the last days.
7. Will the remnant people be gloomy and sorrowful when these things are taking place in the earth? V. 28.
8. What simple illustration did Jesus use? V. 29-31.
9. Will the generation of people living to see the return of the Jews from exile among the gentiles, and the distress of nations accompanying it, live to see the return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ? Verse 32.
10. Is there any way in which we can calculate the number of years in one

generation? Matt. 1:17.

Note. — It was 1,890 years before Christ when Abram's name was changed to Abraham, and the covenant made with him. We are told that there are 42 generations in this entire period, hence it makes 45 years to one generation. It is significant to note that this is the same as the "waiting time" given by Gabriel to Daniel (Daniel 12:12), when Daniel was to be resurrected. How wonderful to know that we are so near the time when the Lord Jesus will return.

Lesson for August 30, 1980

RACE EQUALITY IN SALVATION

Scripture reading: Romans 9:1-8.

Memory verse: Romans 9:6.

1. Does our Heavenly Father have respect to persons? 1 Peter 1:7; James 2:9.
2. Are all of the children of Abraham going to be saved? Romans 9:7.
3. Through whom and how are the children of the Kingdom called? Rom. 9:7, last part; Gal. 3:16.
4. How do we become heirs of the promises made to eternal life? Gal. 3:28, 29.
5. Will all of the descendants of Abraham through Jacob be saved, or will it be just a remnant? Romans 11:15; Isaiah 10:21, 22.
6. As they are being gathered back to the promised land, to Jerusalem and the surrounding country, will there be sent pastors to teach them the truth? Jeremiah 3:14, 15; Ezekiel 33:6, 7, 8, 20.
7. What are we told about the hearts of these pastors, as compared to the Father? Jeremiah 3:15.
8. Will the pastors the Lord sends to Israel when they are gathered back be successful in teaching them, so they will receive a new heart and a new spirit? Ezekiel 36:25-26.

Note. — It is well to remember that men possessed with the holy Spirit went forth to the gentile nations, carrying the gospel, and the hearts of millions have been changed from their blinded idolatry to serve and worship the Creator. They threw their idol gods away and a new heart was given to them. It will be just the same with Israel today. It is the Bible, the Word of God, accompanied by His holy Spirit through the called and consecrated servants, that opens the

eyes of the people, without respect of person, race or color.

9. In the day wherein the Lord cleanseth many of their hearts, and gives them His Spirit what is said about building the desolate cities and fencing them, etc? Verses 33-35.
10. What effect will the future events pertaining to Israel also have in opening the eyes of the gentiles all over the world? Ezekiel 38:14-16, 23.
11. Why were the Jews cut off and when is blindness to pass away from them? Romans 11:20-25.

Note. — This does not mean that the gentile nations will be saved any more than it does the Jews, just because they are made to realize there is a God who still rules the world. There is to be a message of warning to both, to all nations, a finishing work of grace, before this climax comes.

Lesson for September 6, 1980
MINISTERIAL SUPPORT IN THE CHRISTIAN
DISPENSATION

Scripture reading: Romans 10:1-17.

Memory verse: Romans 10:15.

1. What commission did Jesus give to His apostles after His resurrection? Matt. 28:19, 20.
2. What is the object of preaching the gospel? Mark 16:15-16.
3. Upon what authority were they sent to preach? Matt. 28:18; John 20:21.
4. After the gospel is preached, what is the sinner's obligation? Rom. 10:13; Acts 2:37-38.
5. What are the necessary steps to bring the gospel to sinners? Rom. 10:14.

Note. — Hearing and believing are two primary elements in salvation. Upon these the "calling on Him" is based, which is the third element. But these are still contingent on the sending and poaching. One who is filled with divine love for souls may devote some time in his vicinity to bring them, to Christ, but when the stakes are strengthened and the cords are lengthened then sending more messengers becomes necessary to spread the gospel.

6. What is said about those who plant a vineyard? 1 Cor. 9:7.
7. What authority did he cite for this? Verses 8-9.

8. For whose, sake did he say this was written? 1 Cor. 9:9, 10.
9. When ministers sow unto sinners spiritual things — the gospel — what should they logically reap? V. 11.
10. What example did he quote for this? Vs. 13-14.
11. He says “even so” or in the same way are the ministers now to be supported; how were they supported then? Lev. 27:30-33.
12. What challenge does the Lord give the people to prove that He will bless them? Mal. 3:8-11.

Lesson for September 13, 1980

HOW TO KEEP THE SABBATH DAY

Scripture; reading: Isa. chapter 58.

Memory verse: Luke 14:5.

1. When, and by whom, was the first Sabbath kept? Gen. 2:1-3.
2. Just what does the Sabbath command? Ex. 20:8-11.
3. When does the day begin? Gen. 1:5.
4. What New Testament proof have we, that it takes both darkness and light to constitute a day? Mark 14:30.
5. When does evening, or a new day begin? Lev. 23:32.
6. How long shall the Sabbath be kept? Ex. 31:16, 17; Neh. 13:19.
7. What record proves this practice was followed during Christ sojourn here on earth? Mark 1:32-34.
8. What did our Saviour do on Sabbath? Luke 4:16; Mark 1:21.
9. What general command did God give us through a prophet, as to how we shall spend the Sabbath? Isa. 58, 13, 14.
10. Besides attending religious meetings on the Sabbath, what is permissible? Matt. 12:10-13.
11. What shall we do with our chores on the Sabbath day? Luke 13:15, 14:5.
12. What does the Scriptures say concerning the right to work on the Sabbath? If thereby we can save our crops during harvest, should we see them spoiled otherwise? Ex. 34:21, 35:2.
13. What is said about making long journeys on the Sabbath? Matt. 24:15-20.
14. When shall our cooking and baking be done, on Friday or Sabbath? Ex. 16:11,

23.

15. How about going to the store on Sabbath? Ex. 16:27-29.

16. What did God through Jeremiah say about carrying burdens on the Sabbath day? Jer. 17:21, 22.

17. What does the Bible say about commercializing on this day? Neh. 13:15-22.

Note. — The Sabbath must be kept. No work, or business of any kind is permissible. But we must do good on that day. He must be pulled out of the ditch, when he falls therein.

Lesson for September 20, 1980

THE HIGHER CREATION

Scripture reading: Heb. 1,

Memory verse: Heb. 1:14.

1. What creation of beings is there similar to man, and what is our condition compared to them? Psalms 8:4-5,
2. What was their purpose and office work in creation? Psalms 34:7; Heb. 1:13, 14.
3. Does the Heavenly Father 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? 1 Cor. 15:9; 1 Thess. 2:14.
5. What is said of the angels of heaven regarding the Commandments? Psalms 103:20.
6. In what way are these heavenly messengers summoned to our assistance? Matt. 26:53.
7. When Peter was bound with two chains in prison, how was he set free? Acts 12:7-10.
8. Through whose prayer was he thus assisted? V. 5.
9. How quickly is it possible for the Lord to hear our prayers, and answer? Daniel 9:21.

Note. — The angels are summoned to our help when we pray. Prayer is the connecting link which gives us a holy charge of divine power we must have to live the overcoming life.

10. What important relationship exists between man, and the angels, pertaining to an understanding of the scriptures? Verse 22.
11. In the agony of Gethsemane, how did God supply divine assistance in Christ's hour of need? Luke 22:43.
12. How are we to obtain divine assistance? Matt. 7:7-8.
13. Are the angels of heaven interested in human affairs? Luke 15:10.
14. In times of great trouble who will be our protector? Psalms 91:8, 10, 11.

Lesson for September 27, 1980

SERVICE AND REWARD

Scripture reading: Revelation chapter 21.

Memory verse: Revelation 21:27.

1. Do we, as laborers for God, receive a portion of our reward in this life? Mark 10:28-30.
2. Will every man be rewarded exactly according to the part they had in the work? 1 Cor. 3:8; John 4:36, 37.
3. Will even the smallest act, if done for our Saviour, be rewarded? Mark 9:41.
4. Will not one of the greatest sources of our joy be in seeing those for whom we have labored, saved in the Kingdom of God? Phil. 4:1; 1 Thess. 2:19, 20.
5. What promise does the Lord give us that in sowing His Word, there will be food accomplished? Isaiah 55:10, 11.
6. How much does Christ promise His laborers? Matt. 20:7.
7. To what is the glory of our reward compared? Daniel 12:3.
8. Does our Saviour promise to share even His own joy with His faithful laborers? Matt. 25:19, 21.

Note. ---- "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto but to minister." — Matt. 20:28. It was not for Himself that He lived, thought, labored and died. He is our example, and we are to live and to walk as He lived and walked. Our purpose and object in this short life will be to follow Him, and to live for the same work. He often spent the whole night in prayer and meditation before heaven, receiving a divine charging of virtue and power by which miracles were wrought

9. When will each one having a part in this great work receive his reward? Matt.

16:27; Rev. 22:12.

10. To insure our reward how long must we continue faithful in our labor?

Revelation 2:10.

Note. — We can overcome the desire for the pleasure of this old world, by spending a few moments at times during the day alone with our mind on the glory of heaven, with thanksgiving and praise or a measure of victory and peace already given, as we seek for more. There will be magnetic power gradually come into your very life and soul, that will give you the complete victory over self and over everything sinful and worldly.

11. What assurance is given to those who do not become weary in work? Gal. 6:9.

12. What does the Lord say of the wisdom of those who decide to give themselves to the work of winning souls? Proverbs 11:30.