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Lesson for October 4, 1980

THE CONCEPTION AND BIRTH OF JESUS

Scripture reading: Matthew 1:16-25.

Memory verse Matthew 1:18.

1. What message did the angel give to Mary? Luke 1:28-31.
2. Was Mary surprised at what the angel told her? Luke 1:34; Matt. 1:18.
Note. — The Holy Scriptures tell us that Mary was a chaste virgin that she knew not a man. She was engaged to be married to Joseph, but before he knew her as his wife, she was with child by the Holy Ghost. Matt. 1:18-20; Luke 1:35.
3. What was the relationship between Joseph and Mary before the birth of Jesus? What was the source of Christ's conception? Matt. 1:18; Luke 1:35.
4. What did Isaiah prophesy about this wonderful event? Isa. 7:14; compare with Matt. 1:23; Luke 1:31.
5. What did Joseph intend to do? Matt. 1:19.
6. What did the angel of the Lord make known unto Joseph in a dream? Matt. 1:18-25.
7. When Joseph and Mary arrived at Bethlehem how welcome were they? Luke 2:4-8.
8. What name was given to the child by the angel even before he was conceived? Matt. 1:25.
9. How is the importance of this name emphasized? Acts 4:10-12; Phil. 2:9-11.
10. What does Paul say about the fulfillment of this? 1 Tim. 3:16.
Note. — This prophecy and its fulfillment has been the target of infidels and modernist for centuries. Here the power of God was manifested by the miraculous conception and birth of his dear Son, Jesus. Again and again, Jesus told His listener that He came down from above and that God was His Father.
11. What happened while the shepherds were keeping watch over their flocks? Luke 2:8-14.
12. What experience did they have with the angels? How did this effect them? Luke 2:9.
13. What sign was given to them regarding this child? Luke 2:12.

14. What glorious scene were the shepherds allowed to witness? Luke 2:13-14.
15. How did the angels express their joy at this time, for what had taken place?
Luke 2:14.
16. How did the shepherds respond to this announcement? Luke 2:16-20. Should this be an example for us? Isaiah 12.

Lesson for October 11, 1980

THE VISIT OF THE WISE MEN

Scripture reading: Matthew 2nd Chapter

Memory verse: Matthew 2: 11.

1. How did King Herod feel about another King being born in Judea? Matt. 2:2, 3.
2. When the wise men came to Herod how did they refer to the Christ child? Matt. 2:2.
3. What title do the Scriptures give to the Son of God? John 19:19; Rev. 12:5; Isa. 9:6-7.
4. What inquiry did the wise men make in the presence of Herod, and who were called together? Matt. 2:2-4.
5. How did the chief priests and the Scribes answer Herod? Whose prophecy did they quote? Matt. 2:5-6; Micah 5:2.

Note. The prophetic portion of the Bible should inspire faith in the hearts of those who hear and read them. We truly marvel at wisdom of the priests and the Scribes; they understood the prophecies relative to the birth of Jesus, but their hearts were hardened and they refused to give Homage to this new born King.

6. What did Herod inquire of the wise men, and where did he send them? Matt. 2:7-8.
7. What appeared after they went out from the presence of Herod? Matt. 2:9-10.
8. When they found the Babe and its mother and Joseph, what did they do? Matt. 2:10-12.

Note. — The Holy Spirit of God inspired these men. They trusted and believed God's Holy prophetic word. They received wisdom from Heaven, being directed by God, just the same as every true born child of God receives power and understanding from the Lord in this day and age.

9. What message was sent to Joseph? Matt. 2:13. Why? Hosea 11:1.
Note. — God could have protected Jesus right there in the land of Judea, but He chose for Joseph and Mary and the infant Jesus to flee, just as the followers of the Lord have often had to flee from the wicked enemy in times passed. God provided a place of refuge for the infant Jesus and for Joseph and Mary, just as He will provide a place of refuge for His people when the evil Beast of Rev. 13:11-15 will come upon the stage of action, and when the seven last plagues are being poured out upon the wicked.
10. How did Herod react when the wise men avoided him? Matt. 2:12; 16-18; Jer. 31:15-17.
11. Under what symbol was this shown to John? Rev. 12:1-5.
Note. We see that there was a church in existence at that time. Primarily this woman was the Jewish Church which brought forth the man child. But when the leaders were found unworthy by Jesus, they were rejected.
12. After Herod's death, what instruction was given to Joseph? Matt. 2:19-23.

Lesson for October 18, 1980

JOHN THE BAPTIST

Scripture reading: Luke 1:1-25.

Memory verse: Luke 1:17.

1. What message did the angel bring to Zacharias? Luke 1:13-17.
2. Did Zacharias and Elizabeth keep the commandments of God? Luke 1:6.
3. When Zacharias asked, "How shall I know this?" - What answer did the angel give him? Luke 1:18-20.
4. Had any of the former prophets spoken of this great event? Malachi 3:1, compare with Matt. 11:10.

Note. — Here we see the prophecy which had been spoken by Malachi almost four hundred years before fulfilled. The forerunner of the Lord Jesus born, he was to go before the Saviour in the spirit and power of Elijah, to prepare a people for the Lord and to turn the hearts of the fathers unto the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers.

5. After this child was born and named, what happened to the father, and what did they name the child? Luke 1:56-66.

6. What did Malachi say that John the Baptist would do? Mal. 4:5, 6.
7. What did Isaiah the prophet, say concerning John the Baptist, over seven hundred years before his birth? Isa. 40:2-8.
8. Did John the Baptist fulfill this prophecy? Matt. 3:1-4; Luke 3:3-6.
9. How was he attired, and what did he eat? Matt. 3:4.
Note. — We see that John the Baptist was not accepted by the well to do people, but he was poorly clad and also ate what he gathered by himself.
10. When many who were unworthy came to him to be baptized, what did he tell them? Matt. 3:7-10.
Note: ---Today many churches are full of just such unrepentant sinners who have been baptized and consider themselves as Christians, yet they have never been born again. They are the type of people who cause trouble among the saints; they back bite, lie, cheat and often withhold the Lord's money. They retard the advancement of the people of to Lord much in the same way in which the mixed multitude troubled Israel. John commanded them to bring forth fruits meet for repentance before being baptized.
11. Who also came to be baptized? Matt 3:13-17. How thoroughly will the Lord purge His people? Verse 12.
12. When Christ disciples asked about the fulfillment of Mal 4:5. 6. What did He tell them? Matt 17:10-13.

Lesson for October 25, 1980

THE HOLY SPIRIT

Scripture reading John 14 12-16

Memory verse; John 16:13.

1. What is the Holy Spirit and what will the Holy Spirit do? John 14:26
2. Did the Holy Spirit dwell in to prophets? Psa. 51:11
3. What did Peter say in regard to the Holy Spirit? 2 Peter 1:20-21
4. How many right Spirits are there? Eph. 3:4.
5. How was to Holy Spirit manifested on the day of Pentecost? Acts. 2:1-8.
6. What did Paul tell the church about the evil Spirit? 1 Tim. 4:1-3.
7. What did John admonish the Christians to do? 1 John 4:1.
8. How can we know that we have the right spirit? The Hoy Spirit of God?

Romans 8:16; James 1:26, 27.

9. Are there other spirits in the world besides the Holy Spirit of God? Isa. 8:19, 20.
10. How can we know that we are the children of God? Romans 8:9.
11. How willing is the Heavenly Father to give us the Holy Spirit? Luke 11:10-13.

Note. — There is a divine power constantly being broadcast from Heaven's throne. It is part of the Father Himself, being the precious Holy Spirit; but unless we desire it, hunger and thirst after it, and ask the Father earnestly to give it to us - our life will be void and empty of this power. We will be like the car with the generator disconnected; there will be no light or strength within us. The Holy Spirit is the power that ignites virtues in the soul. It gives us light and noble aspirations. The Father is more willing to give it to all who ask than an earthly father is willing to give food to his hungry children.

Lesson for November 1, 1980

WALKING AND ABOUNDING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

Scripture reading: Col. 3rd Chapter.

Memory verse: Col. 3:23.

1. After being received into the Heavenly family, for what should we always seek? Col. 3:1.
2. How should we consider the past, and how should we plan for the future? Verses 2 and 3.
3. What are some of the things we must put off? Verses 5-8.
4. What must we put on? Verses 10 and 11.
Note. — Notice that the former things were all instruments of death because they proceed from an evil heart and have to do with our words and actions. When we put on the new man, we begin to build a life of eternity.
5. How is the new man nourished? Verse 16.
6. What should especially characterize our words and actions which proceed from the heart? Verse 14.
7. On what should we depend daily to guide our words and our deeds? Verse 17.
8. After having chosen this right path, and having prepared ourselves fully to walk in it, should we just work half-heartedly or to please men? Verse 23.

9. What if our actions are unbecoming to our profession or to our place among the remnant people? Rom. 1:18.
 10. Should all who believe possess sufficient power to live a holy life? Verses 16 and 17.
 11. If we ask Him, and ask in faith believing, what will the Lord do for us? 1 Thess. 3:12, 13.
 12. What is our sure reward if we increase and abound in love, patience, obedience, as profitable servants? 1 Thess. 4:1, 16, 17; 1 Cor. 15:58.
- Note.** — The people of the world are interested only in their own works and in their own gain, but it is not so with the person who is living for eternity. That person, whether old or young, will ever be abounding in the work of the Lord. His own work in his own profession will be decidedly secondary in his life, and the “Kingdom Work” will come first and will be supported freely with a portion of his earnings, which represents a part of his life.

Lesson for November 8, 1980

THE IMPORTANCE OF TEACHERS

Scripture reading: Titus 2nd Chapter.

Memory verse: 1 Peter 5:10.

1. Should ministers be able to teach? 2 Tim. 1:11; Acts 5:42.
2. Is it necessary for teachers to be ministers? 1 Cor. 12:28,
Note. – Teachers are given third place in the administration of the church, and are given the proper gifts to help others in this calling, which is an important one. Many can qualify as teachers, by seeking the gift of the Spirit and by studying God’s Holy Word — the Bible.
3. What example of effective teaching do we find in Acts 18:24-38?
4. What is the qualification for a bishop or Elder? 1 Tim. 3:2-7.
Note. — These verses do not mean that the sins and shortcomings they mention are only to be avoided by bishops and Elders, but rather emphasize that a minister should be blameless and a good example for his flock — one they can follow.
5. What special qualities makes a person an effective teacher? 2 Tim. 2:24-26.
6. Who was the greatest teacher? Matt. 13:54.

7. Should a true teacher be able to interest his listeners? Luke 24:32; Matt. 7:29.
8. In speaking about a certain class, what did Paul say they stood in need of? Heb. 5:12.
9. Does he imply that a certain growth is necessary, and how does one become skillful in the Word? Heb. 5:13, 14.
10. Those who are taught in the Word have a duty to perform. If they are not called to preach or to teach, what should they do? Gal. 6:6.
11. Finally, should each one be fully established and perfected? 2 Thess. 12:15-17.

Note. — If we are worthy to enter the kingdom when the Lord Jesus returns to reckon with His stewards, we must be found bearing fruit. That is, winning souls in some way, to the extent of which we are able and have been given opportunity. The supreme purpose of the Spirit having called each person from the world is for soul winning. The faithful steward is one who lives not for self, but for others, to give them an opportunity to choose whom they will serve.

Lesson for November 15, 1980
THE IMPORTANCE OF SOUND DOCTRINE

Scripture reading: 2 Thess. 2nd Chapter.

Memory verse: John 7:16.

1. Are we warned against an evil power who will corrupt the truth? 2 Thess. 2:7, 8.
2. Who will be deceived by this evil power? Verses 9, 10.

Note. — Particular emphasis should be made here on the fact that it is necessary to possess a “love for the truth.” It does not say that this power will deceive all who do not have the truth, but all of those who do not possess “a love for the truth.” It is extremely dangerous to close our eyes against any truth which might not be what we have been taught. Let us be open-hearted, knowing that by the presence of the Holy Spirit we will not be deceived and led into error by investigation. Let us possess this “love for truth” — then we will find the truth, for it is in the Word.

3. What is the office work of the Holy Spirit? John 16:13.
4. For what did Jesus pray in Gethsemane? John 17:17.

5. What did He say about truth in His witness before Pilate? John 18:37.
6. Who did Jesus say would know the true doctrine? John 7:16, 17.
7. How important is sound doctrine? 2 Tim. 3:16, 17.
8. Are ministers to use doctrine in their reproof of wrong doing? 2 Tim. 4:1-4.
9. How are we to stop the mouths of unruly and vain talkers? Titus 1:9-13.
10. To what class of people will the Heavenly Father teach doctrine? Isa. 28:9, 10.
11. What effect does true doctrine have on the believer? Deut. 32:2.
12. How are people sanctified (set apart) from the world? John 17:17.
13. What will be our great protection when the power of darkness comes to its fullness in these last days? Psa. 91:4; Eph. 6:13, 14.

Lesson for November 22, 1980

THE ROYAL SEED THE LORD HAS BLESSED

Scripture reading: Isaiah 61.

Memory verse: Isaiah 61:9.

1. What promise was given to Mother Eve? Gen. 3:15.
2. What promise was given to the seed of Abraham, and why? Gen. 22:17, 18; 26:4, 5.
3. How far reaching was this blessing which God gave to faithful Abraham? Were others to be blessed along with his seed? Gen 12:2, 3.
4. What does God say concerning this family? Isa. 61:3.
5. Did the Heavenly Father say that this blessing would spring forth and grow? Isa. 61:11.
6. Was Israel always faithful to the trust given them? Jer. 2:21, 22.
7. Did the Lord still call for his chosen seed to return to Him spiritually and repent? Jer. 4:1-4.
8. Did they repent, and what was the outcome? Jer. 5:11-15; Ezekiel 22:19-22.

Note. --- This prophecy was tragically fulfilled after the first regathering of Israel, and the building of the second temple. It was this destruction which our Lord Jesus Christ announced. The Roman general Titus in the year 70 A.D. besieged Jerusalem. History says that men and women ate their own children in the siege. Over one million Jews, it is said, perished at that time.

9. Did God still have purpose in preserving the seed of Israel? Isa. 49:8,

48:10-12.

10. What other promise shows that God is still leading Israel, His chosen people?
Isa. 59:20, 21; Jer. 31:35, 37.
11. Did the Lord promise to regather Israel to the land of promise the SECOND TIME? Isa. 11:11-13.
12. What did Peter say? According to the Apostle Peter, how were the Gentiles to be blessed through this righteous family? Acts 3:22-25.
13. When the nations come against Jerusalem, who will be dwelling there? Eze. 38:16.

Lesson for November 29, 1980

FAITH AND WORKS

Scripture reading: James 2nd Chapter.

Memory verse: James 2:26.

1. Why did God promise Abraham that he and his seed should be blessed? Gen. 26:5.
2. What must we do besides having a love for the Heavenly Father? Deut. 7:9.
3. What else must we do besides hearing the Word of God? Luke 11:28.
4. Will all those who say "Lord, Lord" enter the Kingdom? Matt. 7:21.
5. Those who will not be able to enter — what claim will they make? Verses 22, 23.
Note. - There are many thousands of preachers (false prophets) today who teach that the Holy Ten Commandments are abolished and that all we need is faith in Christ Jesus in order to be saved. The will of the Father is found in the Ten Commandments, and these false prophets are the very ones mentioned here. They say "Lord, Lord" but refuse to do His will.
6. What great contrast is shown between the doer and the ones who do not? Matt. 7:24-27.
7. Will the hearer or the doer be justified? Rom. 2:13.
8. What does the Apostle James say about this matter? James 2:10.
9. What law was James referring to? Verse 11.
10. What does James say about faith and works? Verse 14.
11. What is said about faith without works? Verse 17.

12. By observing the believer, how will it be manifest that he has faith? James 2:18-20.

Note. — From the above lesson we learn that faith without works is dead. It is necessary to have works along with faith. We must do the things we believe and teach. It is the doer of the Word who shall be justified before God. Those who present their bodies a living sacrifice before God, daily seeking after righteousness, coveting the good things which the Lord has in store for all who serve Him out of a pure heart.

Lesson for December 6, 1980

THE COMFORTER - THE HOLY SPIRIT

Scripture reading: John 14th Chapter.

Memory verse: John 14:18.

1. What did Jesus say the Comforter is? John. 14:26.
2. The Comforter being the Holy Spirit, when did it come? Acts 1:8, 2:14, 2:17.
3. Who did Paul say that this Holy Spirit was? 2 Cor. 3:17.
4. How long was this comforting Holy Spirit to abide? John 14:16.
5. By what Spirit did Paul say that we were changed from glory to glory? 2 Cor. 3:18.
6. How great is this Spirit that changes our lives? 1 John 4:4.
7. How can sinners receive this Holy Spirit, and what must they do in order to qualify? Acts 2:38, 39.
8. Could it be possible for this comforting Spirit to come if the Lord Jesus had not returned to His Father in Heaven? John 16:7.
9. What did Jesus say that this comforting Spirit of truth would do when it came? 13th Verse.
10. How did Paul say we are all baptized into one body? 1 Cor. 12:13.
11. Being that all are made to drink into one Spirit, what will flow out from us? John 7:38, 39.
12. What did Paul call this Spirit when he wrote to the Romans? Rom. 8:9, 10. What did he say was the hope of this glory? Col. 1:27.
13. How willing is the Heavenly Father to give the Holy Spirit? Luke 11:9-13.
14. When Christ abides in us by His Spirit, will we be fruitful branches in the

vineyard or unprofitable servants? John 15:4, 5.

Lesson for December 13, 1980

SPIRITUAL CONDITIONS OF THE LAST DAYS

Scripture reading: Matthew 24:36-51.

Memory verse: Life 17:26.

1. What did Jesus say would be the condition of the world at His second coming? Luke 17:26-30.
2. What was the condition of the world in Noah's day spiritually speaking? Gen. 6:5-8.
3. How were they in the days of Lot? Gen 19:13; 2 Pet. 2:6-8.
4. How did Paul describe the spiritual condition of the last days? 2 Tim 3:1-5.
Note. - This clearly describes present conditions, with greed and graft. People are coveting the gain of this world, and have no responsibility for others, but only for self, Just a few of the Lord's own children are giving of their means and are sacrificing for others, that they might hear the words of eternal life and be saved.
5. How did Paul say people would regard truth and sound doctrine in these times? 2 Tim 4:3, 4.
6. What was to be the spiritual conditions of the last of the seven periods of the church, the Laodicean period? See Rev. 3:14-17.
7. What counsel is given to those in this lukewarm indifferent condition? Rev. 3:18, 19.
8. What is the promise to all who heed this counsel? Rev. 3:20, 21.
9. Generally speaking, can we expect conditions to grow better or worse as we near the end? 2 Tim 3:13; 1 Tim 4:1, 2.
10. What warning is given us against being caught in and effected by this terrible wave of luke-warmness and spiritual apathy? Luke 21:34-36; 2 Pet. 3:17.
11. As true children of God, what must we wrestle against? Eph. 6:10-12; 5:11.

Lesson for December 20, 1980

FAITH AND VICTORY

Scripture reading: Romans 10:12-21.

Memory verse: Romans 10:17.

1. How does faith come? Rom, 10:17.
2. Note that the Word was nigh in the days of Moses, but they lacked faith, Deut. 30:14-15.
3. Was faith easy to acquire in the days of Paul? Rom 10:8.
4. What scripture indicates that we are to exercise our faith? Heb. 2:4, 10:38.
5. Does the way become clearer as we go forward day by day living a life of faith? Prov. 4:18.
6. Did Abraham prove his faith by his works? Gen. 22:12.
7. What does James say about faith and works? James 2:20, 26.
8. How is faith made perfect? James 2:21, 22.
9. How impossible is it to attain righteousness in our own strength and effort without seeking and receiving the Spirit? Jer. 13:23; Isa. 64:6.
10. Who only can cleanse us from sin, and how? Acts 4:12; Luke 11:11-13.
11. By whose power within us can we withstand temptation, and against what power do we wrestle? Eph. 6:10-12.
12. What is our shield and protection? Eph. 6:16, 17.
13. Are trials and temptations which we overcome by faith of any value? 1 Pet. 1:7, 8, 9.
14. When our faith is real, how will we use our talents and our lives, and what will be the result? Matt. 25:20, 21.

Lesson for December 27, 1980

THE SIN OF GOSSIPING

Scripture reading: James 3rd Chapter.

Memory verse: James 3:18.

1. What does the ninth commandment forbid? Ex. 20:16.
2. What promise is given to those who order their conversation aright? Psa. 50:23.
3. How is such a person regarded? James 3:2.
4. To what double use may the tongue be used? Verse 10.
5. Is it possible for man to rule his own tongue, in his own strength or power? Verses 7, 8.

6. The tongue being an unruly member, what must we do in order that it may be tamed and thus put under complete control? Rom 6:13, 7:23-25.
7. Of what are our words a sure index? Matt. 12:34, 35.
8. Will our record in heaven containing the words we have spoken here, settle our fate in the pending judgment? See 36 and 37.
9. What does the Lord say about tale-bearers? Lev. 19:16; Prov. 26:22.
Note: How careful we should always be when we make a statement concerning anyone, that what we say is true; for we shall be judged by every word which we utter. So very often, when a matter is repeated, a little is added or a little left out, which may change the entire picture concerning a matter.
10. What is said about the person who covereth the wrong of another by not repeating it? Prov. 17:9; 26:20.
11. What are words like which are fitly spoken under the Spirit? Prov. 25:11.
12. Are our words registered in heaven and known to the Lord? Psa. 139:4.
13. We are nearing the time of terrible destruction over all the earth, when we shall need the protection of the mighty angels in order to be delivered. In view of this what should our conversation be? 2 Peter 3:11,12.