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**Workers are needed, for the harvest
Is great, but laborers are few...**

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Lesson for January 3, 1981

PERILIOUS TIMES

Scripture reading: 2Tim. 3.

Memory verse: 2 Tim. 3:14

1. Describe the perilous times of which Paul spoke and tell us when they will take place. 2 Tim. 3:1-7.
2. Tell us what Paul meant in verse 7.
3. What about the seducers, will they cease to deceive or will they be more active as we near the end of time? Verse 13.
4. For what purpose did Paul say that God has given us the Holy Scriptures? Verses 16, 17.
5. What will some of God's children do in the latter days? 1 Tim. 4:1.
6. What will they speak and in what state will their conscience be. Verse 2.
7. What is said about the rich men of the last days? James 5:1-3.
8. Why will the rich weep and howl? Verses 4, 5.
9. Besides living in pleasure on this earth, what have they done? Verse 6.
10. What did he tell the brethren to do? Verse 7. Why? Verse 8.
11. In these days of peril, what did Jesus say we should take heed to? Luke. 21:34, 35.
12. What did Paul say we should do? Heb. 10:25.
13. How will the people of this world act when the Son of man comes in his glory and all the Holy Angels with Him? Rev. 6:12-17; See also 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 we should be about our Father's business, as profitable servants. Titus 3:8.

Lesson for January 10, 1981

ENVY AND JEALOUSY

Scripture reading: Prov. 27.

Memory verse: Prov. 27:2.

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 someone to be guilty of murder? 1 John 3:15.
5. What were the Jews filled with when they saw the multitudes come to hear Paul preach Christ Jesus? Acts 13:44-48.
6. What are some of the fruits of envy? James 3:16.
7. How did Job explain envy? Job 5:2.
8. A sound heart is life of the flesh: What is envy? Prov. 14:30.
9. Is it possible for a person to be in a saved condition and at the same time have envy in his heart? Gal. 5:21.
10. What did the Apostle Paul say must be put away in order to be followers of Christ Jesus our Lord? Eph. 4:31.
11. How can this be accomplished? Verse 32.
12. If we do this, in what church will we be classed? Eph. 5:27.

Note. --- Envy and jealousy are sin and come because of a lack of the Holy Spirit. If we are to overcome these sins, we must seek the power of the Lord -- "For ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." We can do all things through Jesus Christ, who strengthens us.

Lesson for January 17, 1981

DIVINE VIRTUE THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Scripture reading: Philippians 2:1-28.

Memory verse: Philippians 2:15.

Note. — This wonderful chapter teaches us how to get along with others in true harmony and happiness. Note these words: "If there be any consolation in Christ, if comfort of love, if fellowship of the Spirit", etc.

1. What four things are necessary to attain this unity as given in Philippians. 2:2?
2. Instead of working through strife and vain glory, how should we perform our works? Verse 3.

Note. How beautiful are the words, "in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves."! If we consistently follow this excellent advice, there can be no strife. How could there be?

3. What marvelous attainment will result from this practice? Verses 4, 5.

4. Did Christ Jesus exalt Himself in any, manner? Verse 8.
5. What followed His great humility? Verses 9-11.
6. If we can be blameless in our dealings with one another, what will result in our cases? Verses 14, 15.
7. What happy state existed among the Brethren in the days of Paul? Verses 18-20.
8. What similar admonitions are given in Colossians 3:11-17?
9. When Christ dwells within us by the Holy Spirit, what is always the result? John 15:4, 5.
10. If we do not sacrifice to win souls for the Kingdom of God, what is always the result? Verse 6.
11. Will soul winning increase our power with God in answered prayer? Verses 7, 8, 16.

Lesson for January 24, 1981

FOR WHAT PURPOSE WAS THE EARTH CREATED?

Scripture reading: Isaiah 45.

Memory verse: Isaiah 45:22.

1. What reason has God given for creating the world? Isaiah 45:18.
2. Was the world created for the wicked people, of whom we see many in these days? Prov. 10:25.
3. Was there a plan for redemption even from the beginning of creation? Rev. 13:8.

Note. --- This shows that the plan of redemption was determined as soon as man had sinned, and that the sacrificial lamb was a type of Christ, the LAMB that the Father was going to send in His own Son to redeem the world according to His divine purpose.

4. What was the substitute sacrifice which was in effect until the Son of God would come? Exodus 12:3, 5; Heb. 10:11, 12.
5. What did the prophet Isaiah have revealed to him concerning the suffering of the One who was to bear the sins of the whole world? Isa. 53:7-9.
6. Is the Lamb of God set forth as perfect propitiation for sin? Rom. 3:24, 25; 1 John 2:3.

7. Is it necessary for us to believe that He came in the flesh, and bore our sins in His own body? Heb. 2:14, 15; 1 John 4:2,3.
8. Is it not through Christ Jesus, this LAMB slain from the foundation of the world, that God's purpose of creation will be fulfilled? Isa. 65:9; Psa. 2:8.
9. What is said of the child born from the woman, as to fulfilling this same purpose in the world? Rev. 12:5; 2:26, 27.
10. Do we see all things subject to the Son now, and the purpose of God in creation fulfilled? Heb. 2:8; Acts 3:20, 21.
11. When will all things be subject unto Him, and when will the purpose of our Heavenly Father in creating the world be fulfilled? Eph. 1:18-22; 1 Cor. 15:22-28.
12. When will that glorious time come when the people of the whole world will all be righteous and God's purpose fully realized? Isa. 11:4-9; 65:17-19; 66:22, 23.

Lesson for January 31, 1981

THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD

Scripture reading: John 11:11-45.

Memory verse: Psa. 17:15.

1. What did Jesus say about the resurrection of the dead? John 5:25.
2. Will the righteous and sinners be resurrected at the same time? Rev. 20:5, 6.
3. What did Paul say about the resurrection of the dead? Acts 24:15.
4. When will the resurrection of the righteous take place? 1 Thess. 4:16.
5. How, and in what condition will the righteous be resurrected? Psa. 17:15.
6. Will little children be resurrected? Jer. 31:15-17.
7. What did Job say about the resurrection? Job 19:25-27.
8. Were there some who didn't believe in any resurrection during the time when Jesus was on earth? Matt. 22:23; Luke 20:27.
9. Did Paul teach that there would be a resurrection of the dead? And in what condition will they come forth? 1 Cor. 15:42-44.
10. What did Martha say to Jesus after she had spoken to Him about Lazarus' death? John 11:21-24.

Note. — Not far from the Sea of Galilee, excavators have uncovered the floor

of a church, and some stone furniture. It is written in the floor that the church was erected in honor of the miracle where Jesus fed the 5,000 with only five loaves and two fishes (Matt. 14:15-20), leaving 12 baskets full of fragments. The resurrection of the dead is a very simple matter with the Father, the same as the miracle of feeding the 5,000 was to the Lord Jesus.

Lesson for February 7, 1981

THE SIN OF COVETOUSNESS

Scripture reading: 1 Tim. 6:1-19.

Memory verse: Luke 12:15.

1. How does Paul describe the condition of the people in the last days? 2 Tim 3:2.
2. Does the Lord bless the covetous, wicked people? Psa. 10:3. (see Margin) also verse 4.
3. What striking example do we have of covetousness in Acts 5:1-10?
4. What did Jesus say in regard to covetousness? Luke 12:15-20.
5. What did Paul say about covetousness? 1 Tim. 6:10.
6. When Jesus told the young man to sell what he had, what did he do? Matt. 19:17-22.
7. Is there more than one way to covet? 1 Cor. 12:31.
8. Which one of the Apostles was a covetous man, and what was the result? Matt. 26:14-16; 27:3-5.
9. Will the covetous people inherit the Kingdom of God? 1 Cor. 6:9, 10.
10. What about Felix and Paul -- was Felix a covetous man? Acts 24:24-26.
11. How should we use surplus earthly gain that we may have eternal blessings? Matt. 6:19-21.

Note. --- Let us be honest with the Father, and covet only heavenly treasures and virtues, seeking earthly gain to use for the Father's glory in giving bread of life to the hungry.

Lesson for February 14, 1981

TEACHING THE CHILDREN

Scripture reading: Ephesians 6:1-10.

Memory verse: Proverbs 22:6.

1. In what manner are the 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 the rest of his life.
2. What will be the result in a child's development if left to himself? Prov. 29:15, last part; Prov. 22:15, first part.
3. What are children instructed to do? Ex. 20:12; Col 3:20' Eph. 6:1-3.
4. Should a parent use caution 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 teach one's children? Deut 10:13, 19; 4:9.
7. Are conditions such now, as to necessitate even more diligence? 2 Tim. 3:1-3; 1 Pet. 5:8.
8. May others assist the younger women in teaching their children? Tit. 2:3, 4.
9. What other duty of parents towards children is very needful? 1 Tim. 5:8.
10. What encouraging condition can we look for through the working of God's Holy Spirit? Mal. 4:6.
Note. — If children are left to chance that they might turn out well, the chances are very much against them in the face of the evil conditions of this present day.
11. Should a child be taught to live a covetous, selfish life, or to store treasures in heaven, by giving to the gospel work? Ecc. 12:1; Matt. 6:19-21.

Lesson for February 21, 1981

THE PRICE AND RESULT OF PRIDE

Scripture reading: Psa. 10.

Memory verse: Prov. 28:25.

1. How are the evils of the proud described in God's Holy Word? Isa. 2:11-13.
2. What did pride bring to a city of Moab? Jer. 49:13-16,
3. What is the source of all pride? 1 John 2:16.
4. What is listed first among the seven things which the Lord hates? Prov. 6:16, 17.
5. What will pride do to the person who is filled with it? Prov. 16:5.

6. What did pride bring to Nebuchadnezzar? Dan. 5:18-21.
7. Instead of endeavoring to lift ourselves to high stations in this life, what should we be doing? Rom. 12:16.
8. How does true, genuine honor come to the faithful of the Lord our God? 1 Pet. 5:1-4.
9. Even though man may be in a high place and state, does it excuse him for being proud? Psa. 39:5; 18:27.
10. Does a man's greatness consist of the things he possesses? Luke 12:15.
11. What will happen to the exalted man who trusteth in himself? Luke 12:16-21.

Lesson for February 28, 1981

A SAD PHASE OF REPENTANCE

Scripture reading: 1 Kings 21:1-23; Prov. 1:24-31.

Memory verse: Prov. 1:28.

Note. -- The Heavenly Father gives all plenty of room, or space for repentance, but many will not listen. However, there is a time coming when all will fall down before Him, but, sad to say, it will be too late.

1. What do the Scriptures tell of the outcome of the Jezebel clan? Rev. 2:20-22.
2. There are those who will wake up to the fact that they have betrayed the One who would have brought eternal life. What outcome can they expect? Matt. 27:3-5.
3. In what way did the Lord Jesus contrast the people of His generation with those of Jonah's? Luke 11:32.
4. What will be the very sad fate of the foolish virgins? Matt. 25:10, 12.
5. What was Esau's sad experience when he wished to repent? Heb. 12:15-17.
6. What reason does the Lord give for some not finding Him and being destroyed? Prov. 1:28-32.
7. What will false professors meet? Matt. 7:21-23.
8. Why did a certain fig tree have to be cut down? Luke 13:6-9.

Note. — Although this tree had the power to bear fruit and had been well planted and cared for and reached fruit-bearing age, it was barren. It had no place in the Lord's garden. Each one should carefully examine himself, taking an inventory of his life to see if he is of any value to the Lord in soul winning.

Lesson for March 7, 1981
THE PRODIGAL SON, A TYPE OF TRUE
REPENTANCE

Scripture reading: Luke 15:11-24.

Memory verse: Prov. 11:23.

1. What shows the prodigal's need for repentance? Luke 15:13.
2. What has been the condition of all of God's children? Isa. 53:6.
3. Verses 17 and 18 of St. Luke tell the three conclusions to which the prodigal son came. What are they?

Note. - He realized that in his present condition all that he had to look forward to was certain death; while if he repented and turned to his father, he could at least become as a hired servant who fared better than he had been doing. He resolved therefore to leave the life of sin and separation and return to his father and make a clean confession.

4. How did his state cause him to become humble? Verses 18 and 19.
5. But what was the result in this true change of heart? Verses 20-24.
6. Does the Heavenly Father promise the same for everyone who comes unto Him and confesses their sins and forsakes them? Rev. 21:7; John 8:32.
7. What are some of the other blessings that Heaven will shower upon those who genuinely repent? Psa. 32:5, 8, 11; John 1:8, 9.

Note. — Someone has arrived at the conclusion that repentance involves five steps. At least they can be noted in the repentance of the prodigal son. They are: reflection, resolution, return, restoration, and rejoicing. Certainly the first four steps are well worth the rejoicing that will come through taking them.

8. Then what is to follow repentance in order to receive the favor and blessings of Heaven? Acts 2:38, 39.
9. After baptism and receiving of the Holy Spirit, Will our life be fruitful and will we be giving of our life to win people to the way of salvation? 2 Peter 1:8, 9; 1 Cor. 15:58.

Lesson for March 14, 1981
COURAGEOUS REPENTANCE

Scripture reading: Luke 22:54-62.

Memory verse: 2 Cor. 7:10.

Satan “desired to have Simon” (Peter) according to the words of the Lord Jesus. No doubt Satan set upon Peter because he knew that he could do much harm to the true cause if he could win him.

1. Was the temptation of Peter foretold by Jesus? Luke 22:31.
2. What great weapon did our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ use against this evil scheme? Verse 32.

Note. — After Peter became converted, he was to strengthen the brethren.

3. What harassing experience came before Peter repented and became a new person? Verses 54-62.

Note. — The devil did not hold Peter captive long. When Peter saw the expression in the eyes of Jesus and remembered His words of warning, he became heart-broken and rushed into the darkness to cry it out alone with his God.

4. What question did Jesus later ask of Peter three times? John 21:15-17.

Note. Peter’s attitude towards this repeated Question shows that he was truly a changed man. He no doubt was more than a little perturbed, but instead of showing anger he showed grief that the Lord had to make it so strong. Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is expecting of us just what He did of Peter, viz; to show by action instead of words that we love Him.

5. Wherein did he show the power received from his wholehearted conversion? Acts 2:38-41.

Note. Peter had been following the Lord Jesus (he thought) and working for Him for about three years before he was truly converted. It has been the same in the cases of others and still is today. Let us examine ourselves and make sure that we are out and out penitent before Him. Peter could never have preached this sermon at Pentecost if he had not found the Lord on that eventful night.

Lesson for March 21, 1981

THE CRUCIFIXION OF CHRIST

Scripture reading: Matt. 27:11-37.

Memory verse: Isaiah 53:8.

1. What did Daniel say in regard to the day on which Jesus would be crucified? Dan.9:26, 27.
2. What did Paul say about the death and resurrection of Jesus? 1 Cor. 15:3-4.
3. Did Jesus tell His disciples that He would be crucified? Matt. 16:21; 17:22, 23.
4. Who were the people that condemned the Lord Jesus? Mark 10:32-34.
5. What did the people of Jerusalem say when Pilate turned Jesus over to them to be crucified? John 18:40; 19:7.
6. At what hour did Jesus die? Matt. 27:45, 46, 50.
7. At what time of the day was He laid in the tomb? Verses 57-60.
8. What is the Bible definition of the word even? Deut. 16:6; 2 Chron. 18:34; Mark 1:32.
9. What did Daniel the prophet say would happen to Jerusalem following the crucifixion of Christ Jesus? Daniel 9:26.
Note. - It is a well known and established fact of history that Titus, the Roman general, besieged Jerusalem and destroyed the city and the Temple in 70 A.D.
10. Our beloved Saviour gave us an example of sacrifice and even sacrifice unto death to save others for the Kingdom. Are we commanded to make any sacrifice of our lives and our means in order to help to save others? Romans 12:1.

Lesson for March 28, 1981

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

Scripture reading: Matt. 28:1-15.

Memory verse: Matt. 28:6.

1. What answer did Jesus give to those who sought a sign from Him? Matt. 12:40.
2. When was our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ resurrected? Matt. 28:1-6.
Note. — Thus we see that He fulfilled His one sign that He was the true Messiah. He was crucified in the midst of the week, thus causing the sacrifice and the oblation to cease (Dan. 9:27), and He arose in the end of the Sabbath as it began to dawn (Greek: draw on) toward the first day of the week.
3. What other visits were made to His tomb? Mark 16:1-6; Luke 24:1-12.

4. To whom did our Lord Jesus appear first after He had risen? Mark 16:9.
Note. — “Was risen” is in the past perfect tense and means some time in the past. “Early the first day of the week” tells the time that He appeared to Mary Magdalene. The comma apparently is misplaced as we also find in Acts 19:12. Punctuation is not a part of inspiration, as the ancient manuscripts were not punctuated.
5. What is John’s account of the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ? John 20:1-6.
6. Were there several visits made to the tomb according to the reports given by the writers of the Gospels? Luke 24:22-24.
Note. — Here we note in verse 23 the word “also” which shows that both companies of these women had been to the tomb and had “also” seen the angels. Then some went again and found it “even as they had said.” Hence there are three visits recorded in the narrative. At a time of such great excitement, it is quite possible that there were many more visits made to the empty tomb.
7. How can John 19:31 be explained, which says He was hanging on the cross just before the Sabbath? Lev. 23:4-7.

MOUNT ZION’S BANNER

*We have girded on the armor,
And our banner is unfurled—
'Tis the standard of Mt. Zion,
And we'll face a frowning world.*

*We have on the only breastplate,
'Tis the shield of truth and right;
And the sword which we are using
Is mighty in the fight!*

*We are told to hold out faithful,—
By the grace of God we stand,*

*And we'll work beneath this banner
Till we reach the promised land.*

*Our Captain — Judea's Lion;
Our weary hearts doth cheer,
He's the Holy One of Zion,
And tells us not to fear.*