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Lesson for April 2, 1981 WORSHIPPING WITH REVERENCE IN THE HOUSE OF GOD

Scripture reading: 1Timothy 3.

Memory verse: Leviticus 26:2.

- 1. Why did the Lord desire the children of Israel to build a sanctuary? Exodus 25:8.
- 2. How were the people taught to regard the sanctuary which was built in the wilderness? Lev. 19:30.
- How was the presence of God manifested in the wilderness? Exodus
   40:33-35. How was it manifested in the Temple the place of worship? 2
   Chron. 5:13, 14.
- 4. What should be our attitude when we come into the sanctuary (presence) of God to worship? Psalms 89:7; 96:1, 6.
- 5. Who will be in our very midst if we conduct ourselves according to the Word? Matt. 18:20.
- 6. How is the unseen One to be regarded? Rev. 4:11; 5:12.
  - **Note**. If some have to wait a few minutes before the service begins, let them maintain a true spirit of devotion, keeping their hearts lifted up to God in prayer that the service may be a special benefit to their own hearts and lead to the conviction and conversion of other souls.
- 7. What is said of the name of the Lord? Psalms. 111:9; Luke 1:49.
- 8. What instruction did Solomon give containing proper conduct in the house of God? Ecclesiastes 5:1, 2.
- 9. What instruction did the great Apostle Paul give about behavior in the house of worship? 1 Tim. 3:15.

# Lesson for April 2, 1981 THE 4TH COMMANDMENT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Scripture reading: Matthew 19:16-30.

Memory verse: Matthew 24:20.

1. When a man came to Jesus and inquired "What must I do?", what did Jesus reply? Matt. 19:16-19.

- Note. Notice how Jesus emphasized the keeping of the Holy Commandments of God. Many who are seeking to justify themselves in not keeping the Sabbath say that Jesus mentioned the other commandments here, but made no mention of the Sabbath. They overlook the fact that the entire first four commandments were not mentioned here, and we all know that we cannot take the name of the Lord our God in vain, and be guiltless.
- 2. When Jesus spoke about the destruction of Jerusalem (which took place in 70 A.D.), did He ask His followers to keep the Sabbath of the Lord our God? Matt. 24:20.
- 3. What did Isaiah say that Jesus would do to the law? Isaiah 42:21.
- 4. Did Jesus emphasize the law? Matt. 5:17.
- 5. On what day of the week did the Holy women rest after the death of Jesus? Luke 23:56.
- 6. How long did Jesus say the law would remain? Matt. 5:18.
- 7. What day of the week did Jesus say is the Lord's day? Mark 2:28.
- 8. According to Holy Commandments of God, what day of the week is the Sabbath? Ex. 20:10.
- 9. Was the Sabbath made for the Jew or for all men? Mark 2:27.
- 10. Often we hear the Sabbath referred to as "that old Jewish Sabbath" to whom does the Sabbath belong? Neh. 9:14.
- 11. When Paul was hundreds of miles away from Jerusalem, away up in Pisidia, was he still keeping the Sabbath, and on what day of the week did he go to church while in this gentile country? Acts 13:14.
- 12. When Paul, the apostle of the gentiles (Rom. 11:13) preached Christ, the Jews became angry and left the synagogue; what request did the gentiles make for further meetings? Acts 13:42-44.
- 13. On what day of the week did Paul meet for worship when he was in Macedonia? Acts 16:13.
- 14. Did Paul also keep the Sabbath when he was with the Christians in Thessalonica? Acts 17:2.
- 15. On what day of the week did Paul worship when he was with the brethren at Corinth? Acts 18:4.
  - **Note**. Paul was the apostle of the gentiles, and he worked many long years

among them. The records in the Bible prove that he was a Sabbath keeper, for he taught the law, as we read in Rom. 3:31: "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid! Yea, we establish the law." Also in the 7th chapter he says that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives.

#### Lesson for April 18, 1981 CHRIST - THE WAY OF LIFE

Scripture reading: John 14:1-21.

Memory verse: John 14:6.

- 1. What does Christ declare Himself to be? John 14:6.
- 2. What is the gift of God, and how does it come? Rom. 6:23.
- 3. How many may be made partakers of this gift? Rev. 22:17.
- 4. What do we possess if we truly accept Christ Jesus? 1 John 5:12.
- 5. In order to abide in Christ what is necessary? 1 John 2:6; Luke 8:21.
- 6. What wonderful promise does the Lord make to those who follow Him? John 1:4, 9; 8:12.
- 7. When one is following the instruction of Christ, whose life will be made manifest? Gal. 3:26, 27; 2 Cor. 5:15.
- 8. How do we become the Children of God? Gal. 3:26; John 3:3.
- 9. How can we show that we have faith in Christ Jesus the Savior? James 2:18.
  Note. The Savior spent His life for others, to save them for the eternal Kingdom to come. In order to follow in His steps, and be a true disciple we must likewise joyfully spend our lives in the same work, working in person, or giving tithes and offerings to support those who labor for souls. If we do not spend ourselves in warning the wicked, their blood will be required at our hands. Ezekiel 33:7, 8.
- 10. With whom are the children of God joint heirs? Rom. 8:17.
- 11. Through whom will the children of Abraham and his seed receive the promise of the future inheritance? Gal. 3:16, 29.
- 12. In whom only is there salvation? Acts 4:12IJohn 10:7, 9.

Lesson for April 25, 1981
THE POWER OF THE TONGUE

Scripture reading: James 3:1-18.

Memory verse: Proverbs 18:21.

- 1. What power do we posses in our tongue? Prov. 18:21.
- 2. What will happen to the tongue that is used for flattery? Psa. 5:9, 10.
- 3. What did Job say about using flattering titles? Job. 32:21, 22.
- 4. What did Solomon say about a lying tongue? Prov. 12:19, 22.
- 5. What is a perfect man? James 3:2.
- 6. How dangerous is the tongue? James 3:6.
  - Note. How carefully we should use the tongue! May we ever realize that it is equally as destructive as fire. Have you ever thought how carefully people guard against fire in their homes, and in the great forests during the dry seasons? When God created man, He created him so that he could freely converse one with another, and how wonderful this is! Therefore we should praise and thank Him for the privilege which has been given to us to enjoy.
- 7. Who will enter into life eternal? Psa. 15:2, 3.
- 8. What is necessary on our part if we wish to be blessed? Psalms 34:11-14.
- 9. What does the Lord hate, and will anyone be excused who soweth discord? Prov. 6:16-19.
- 10. Whose religion is vain? James 1:26.
- 11. To what does Paul compare the tongue? Rom. 3:13.
- 12. When there is strife among the Brethren, how can it be stopped? Prov. 26:20.
- 13. How careful should the leaders and their wives be with their tongues? 1 Tim. 3:8-11,
- 14. How is the tongue of the wise compared to the tongue of the foolish? Prov. 15:2,4, 7, 28,
- 15. If we use out tongue wisely, what will the Lord do for us? Psa. 50:23.

#### Lesson for May 2, 1981

#### THE JUDGEMENT OF GOD IN THE TIME OF NOAH

Scripture reading: 1 Peter 3:12-22.

Memory verse: Gen. 6:8.

- 1. What sin is specifically mentioned in Gen. 6:1, 2?
- 2. To show His displeasure with the sinful people, what sad announcement

did the Lord utter? Gen. 6:3.

- 3. How completely were the people involved in sinful living? Gen. 6:5.
- 4. How did God feel towards His creation? Gen. 6:6.
- 5. What did God decide to do with this sinful people? Gen. 6:7.
- 6. With what was the earth filled? Gen. 6:11-13.
- 7. Who alone was faithful to God during this violent age? Gen 6:8.
- 8. How did Jesus compare the last days to the days of Noah before the flood? Luke 17:26, 27.
  - Note. According to police records, crimes are increasing at an alarming rate. Even though police forces are being increased they are unable to cope with the growing number of murders, rapes, thefts and other crimes. The governments are building more jails, and correctional institutions, but yet there is overcrowding. All this is in accord with what the Bible tells us will come to pass in the last days.
- 9. What plan did God have for Noah so that he and his family could be spared? Gen. 6:13-21.
- 10. Was there a distinction made between the clean and unclean animals that went into the ark? Gen. 7:2.
- 11. Is it prophesied that all who eat the unclean animals to judge the world in righteousness? Isa. 66:15-17; 65:2, 3-5.
- 12. After Noah and his family, along with all the selected animals, were in the ark, how was the door closed? Gen. 7:13-16.
- 13. How complete was the destruction? Gen. 7:19-24.
- 14. How did Noah show his appreciation to God, for His mercy? Gen. 8:18-21.
- 15. What covenant did God establish with Noah? Gen. 7:21, 22; 9:8-16.

### Lesson for May 9, 1981 THE WATER OF LIFE

Scripture reading: Isaiah 12.

Memory verse: Revelation 22:17.

- 1. What is God's invitation to those who are thirsty? Isaiah 44:3 and 55:1.
- 2. By what means do we draw water from the wells of salvation? Isa. 12:2, 3, also Neh. 8:10, last part.

- 3. What simple request did Jesus make of the woman at Jacob's well? John 4:6, 7.
- 4. What was the woman's reply? Verse 9.
- 5. How did the woman react when Jesus told her about the living water? Verses 10-12.
  - **Note**. It is evident from the woman's reply that she did not comprehend what the Master told her she thought only of the temporal water.
- 6. When a person receives the living water, are his innermost needs satisfied? John 4:13, 14 and 6:35.
- 7. On a different occasion, what invitation did Jesus extend to all? John 7:38, 39.
- 8. How did Jesus further define this Water of Life? John 7:39.
- 9. If we are filled with the Spirit, how will we walk? Gal. 5:16, 25, 26; also Romans 6:11-13.
- 10. What glorious fruit will be manifest in our lives if we are completely surrendered to the Savior? Eph. 5:9, 10; also Gal. 5:22, 23.

**Note**. — Many today do not yield themselves completely to the Lord, and do not have the deep, satisfying joy in their Christian Life — serving Christ to them is a burden instead of a joy. If you have not yielded your all to the Master - do so today!

### Lesson for May 16, 1981.

#### THE TRUE GOSPEL IS LIGHT AND POWER

Scripture reading: 1 Cor. 1:1-31.

Memory verse: 1 Cor. 1:18.

- 1. What did Paul tell us about the power of the gospel? Rom. 1:16.
- 2. When Jacob's name was changed to Israel, what is said about him having power with the Father, and with men? Gen. 32:28.
  - **Note**. Those who are received into the Heavenly family, by being born again, thus become the seed of Abraham. For if ye be Christ's then are ye Abraham's seed. All of these will have attractive power with their associates to draw them into the Heavenly family, just like the magnet has power to attract like matter to it.

Such a person will also have power in his prayer to summon holy angels, to assist him as a soul winner.

- 3. How much power did out Lord and Savior Jesus Christ possess, in bringing to His assistance these unseen messengers from Heaven? Matt. 26:53, 54.
  - **Note**. The Savior could have asked the Father and He would have sent twelve legions of angels to deliver Him.
- 4. When one is truly born into the body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, why then are we in the same family along with the angels? Eph. 3:14, 15.
- 5. Are the angels of Heaven really our own brothers in the same faith, having the same Father? Rev. 22:8. 9.
- 6. When the final judgments are in the earth, and the seven last plagues are upon the world, who will be delivered? Psalms 91:10, 11.
- 7. What is the reason given for the angels delivering the true members of the holy family in the time of trouble? Dan. 12:1.
- 8. What is said of this chosen family in regard to light? Matt. 5:14-16.
- 9. In this time of darkness, what command is given for us to send out the true light? Isa. 60:1.
- 10. Will this family of which the angels are a part, know something about the times and seasons in which they live, and are they known as the Children of Light? 1 Thess. 5:1-6.
  - **Note**. The true servants will not be as discharged batteries, void of power to give forth the light. They will be filled with the power of the Holy Ghost, and radiant with the light of the glory of Heaven, giving forth meat in due season.
- 11. Before the Lord comes to judge the earth, what particular place is mentioned out of which this light will shine? Psa. 50:1-5.

## Lesson for May 23, 1981 FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

Scripture reading: Luke 16:1-15

Memory verse: Luke 16:10,

- 1. What was a common method of Jesus' teaching? Mark 4:33, 34.
- 2. In the parable of the steward, with what was the steward charged? Luke 16:1.
- 3. What was the steward asked to do? Luke 16:2.

- 4. What is a requirement of stewards? 1 Cor. 4:2.
  - **Note**. A steward is one who manages or is in charge of another person's goods. Just as earthly stewards must give an account to their masters, so it is with us and God. Some day we must all give account of our stewardship to Him.
- 5. What portion of our income does the Lord require? Lev. 27:30, 32.
- 6. How much of the tithe should be brought into the Lord's treasury? Malachi 3:10.
- 7. How can we rob God? What will be the result? Mai. 3:8, 9.
  - **Note**. If we are employed for a wage or salary, engaged in farming or any other industry, we are but stewards over our income.
- 8. Has God promised special protection to the farmers who are faithful tithe payers?

  Mal. 3:11.
- 9. When we fail to pay tithe, what happens to the ministers? Neh. 13:10.
- 10. If a church becomes slack in tithe paying, what should the leaders do? Neh. 13:11.
- 11. What does the Apostle Paul say about ministers receiving tithes? 1 Cor. 9:9-11, 13.
- 12. Paul apologized to the Corinthian brethren; What for? 2 Cor. 11:7, 8 and 12:13.
  Note. If we are faithful stewards, God will most certainly bless us. Psalms 50:14, 15.

## Lesson for May 30, 1981 COMPLAINING AND MURMURING

Scripture reading: 1. Cor. 10:1-11.

Memory verse: Phil. 2:14. 15.

- After God had so wonderfully delivered the children of Israel from the Egyptians and brought them through the Red Sea, what did they do? Num 14:2-4.
- 2. Were they satisfied with what God had given them to eat? Num. 11:4-6.
- Was God pleased with their murmurings? How did He punish them? Num.
   11:1.
- 4. What further terrible punishment was brought upon the children of Israel because of this sin? Num. 14:26-30.
- 5. How many men of the children of Israel left the land of Egypt? Ex. 12:37.

- Note. There were six hundred thousand men of Israel when they left the land of Egypt. Out of this great number only two that were above the age of 20 years were allowed to enter the Promised Land. The rest all died in the wilderness. Thus we see the terrible punishment that they received for being disobedient.
- 6. Is it right for people to murmur and complain about living conditions today? 1 Cor, 10:10.
- 7. While speaking of Israel, who murmured and complained, what important thing does Paul bring to our minds! 1 Cor. 10:6, 11.
- What further instruction does Paul give and why? Phil 2:14, 15.
   Note. --- Complaining and murmuring have no place in the life of a Christian.
- 9. What should be the condition of our daily life at all times? Heb. 13:5; 1 Tim. 6:8.
- 10. If we have the Lord as our guide, what will be the condition of our hearts? Psa. 16:8, 9.
- 11. What kind of news will we be passing around to others? Isa. 52:7.
- 12. Will we bear a cross with joy, and deny ourselves in the work of the Lord? Luke 9:23-25.

## Lesson for June 6, 1981 PERFECTION IN LIFE'S RACE

Scripture reading: Phil. 3rd chapter.

Memory verse: Phil. 3:14.

- 1. What was the standard to which Noah attained in his day? Gen. 6:8. 9.
- 2. What standard did God demand of Abraham? Gen. 17:1.
- 3. What infers that Enoch had attained perfection? Gen. 5:22-25; Heb. 11:5.
- 4. What does the New Testament say about Zacharias and Elizabeth? Luke 1:5,6.
- 5. On what condition did God promise to establish Solomon upon the throne of King David? 1 King 9:3-5.
- 6. What is said of those who have attained perfection? Psa. 37:37.
- 7. What instructions were given unto Israel fort this attainment? Deut. 18:9-13.
- 8. What was said of the nations of Canaan? Deut. 18:14.

- What requirements were made on Israel? Verse 14, last part and verse 13.
   Note. --- The margin renders "perfect' as "upright" or "sincere". An upright man is one who is sincere and has no desire to do wrong,
- 10. Whom did our Lord Jesus set forth as our example of perfection? Matt. 5:48.
- 11. What must the rich do in order to attain perfection? Matt. 19:16-21.
- 12. How did the wealthy man react to this demand? Verse 22.
- 13. In a certain parable, how much are we required to sell in order to receive salvation? Matt, 13:45, 46.

**Note**. - Self is the only obstacle in the way of our goal of perfection. Wealth hinders the rich. What hinders the poor? Do we sell all? Some of us treasure malice, envy, wrath, and deceit in our souls and refuse to sell them out in order to buy the pearl of great price, which pearl is Christ.

# Lesson for June 13, 1981 ARE THE PEOPLE RETURNING TO THE HOLY LAND REALLY JEWS?

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; Romans 11:1-4.
- 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 than dispersion among the nations, were they to posses 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. 36:22-32.
- 7. When He gives them a new heart and spirit, what is said of the waste land and ancient cities? Verses 34-36.
- 8. When Russia and her satellites come against Jerusalem, will it be the people of Israel (the Jews) who will be dwelling in the land or another race? Eze.

38:14.

- 9. When does this war take place, and against whom is it waged? Verse 16.
- 10. When the Lord God gathers the nations to judgment before Jerusalem, which tribe of Israel is especially mentioned as being gathered to Jerusalem? Joel 3:1, 2; 9-16.
- 11. Which tribe also does Zechariah associate with Jerusalem when the Lord fights for Israel? Zee. 12:2, 3.

### Lesson for June 20, 1981 TRIALS

Scripture reading: Romans 5th Chapter.

Memory verse: James 5:11.

- 1. What may the followers of Jesus expect in this world? John 16:33.
- 2. Will all of God's children be tried? 2 Tim. 3:12.
- 3. How important is the trial of our faith? 1 Peter 1:6, 7; James 1:2-4.
- 4. How were the children of God tried in times past? Heb. 11:36, 37.
- 5. Whom does the Lord chasten? Heb. 12:6.
- 6. What does the Lord never willingly do? Lam. 3:32-33.
- 7. If we love and trust the Lord, of what may we be sure? Romans 8:28.
- 8. What virtues do patiently born trials develop? Rom. 5:3, 4; Heb. 12:11; 1 Peter 1:7.
- 9. Are we reckoned in the family of God if we are without chastisement? Heb. 12:7, 8.
- 10. How should we regard even the severe trials of life? 1 Peter 4:12, 13.
- 11. What will God never permit? What will He always provide? 1 Cor. 10:13.
- 12. In what spirit should we meet all of our trials? Rom. 12:12.
- 13. What must we expect before entering into the kingdom of glory? Acts 14:22; James 1:12.
  - **Note**. When we go through trials and hardships, let us always remember that then the good Lord is refining us, even as gold is refined and tried. As the fire burns away the dross when precious metals are refined, even so our trials will tend to make us more sincere and dependent on God. When we are being tried, let us remember Job; how he suffered, and how he held to the Lord

through it all, and how he was blessed and rewarded in the end.

# Lesson for June 27, 1981 THE HOLY CITY - NEW JERUSALEM

Scripture reading: Rev. 21st Chapter.

Memory verse: Rev. 21:2.

- 1. Whit was Abraham looking for while he sojourned in the land of Promise? Heb. 11:8-10.
- 2. While we confess that we are strangers and pilgrims, what actually declaring? Heb. 11:13-16.
- 3. In what wonderful way does the Apostle Paul tell us what the born again Christians have come unto, and where their names have been written? Heb. 12:22-24.
- 4. What did Jesus say about His Father's mansions (The New Jerusalem)? John 14:2, 3.
- 5. Will we ascend to these mansions, or will these mansions descend to the earth? Rev. 21:2, 10.
- 6. How will the earth be cleansed and renovated before the beautiful city the New Jerusalem comes down? 2 Peter 3:10-13.
- 7. When these prophecies are fulfilled, will there be any more sea? Rev. 21:1.
- 8. After the earth has been made new, will we ever have any sad memories? Isa. 65:17.
- 9. How does Paul contrast the Jerusalem of this day with the one which will descend from Heaven? Gal. 4:25. 26.
- 10. What wonderful new name will the overcomers have written upon them? Rev. 3:12.
- 11. What terrible fate awaits all who take away from or add to the prophecies of this book? Rev. 22:18, 19.
- 12. What qualifications are necessary in order to enter this City? Rev. 22:14.
- 13. What will illuminate this beautiful City? Rev. 22:5; 21:23, 25.
- 14. By whom are we so lovingly invited to come, so that we may have a part in that City? Rev. 22:16, 17.
- 15. Did John see the throne of God, and where was it? Rev. 22:3.

16. What will happen to all sorrow, pain and suffering, at that time? Rev. 21:4, 5.