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Lesson for July 2, 1981

THE REWARD OF ACCEPTING JESUS

Scripture reading: Matt. 19:23-30.

Memory verse: Matt. 16:27.

1. What is the bounteous reward of forsaking all and following Jesus? Matt. 19:27-29.
2. What else is necessary in order to receive this reward? Matt. 10:37-39.
3. Does our labour for Him necessarily have to be of a great nature? Verse 42.
4. Are there limitations as to what we can do? 1 Cor. 3:6, 7.
5. Who then is our great Co-worker? Verses 8 and 9.
6. What warning has been given in connection with our work with Christ Jesus? Verse 10.
7. Should one ever consider starting a work of his own? Verse 11.
8. What is the advantage of having one's work grow into that which is to be permanent? Verses 13, 14.
9. What are some other admonitions given in this chapter as to the manner in which we are to labor for Him? Verses 18, 19, and 21.
10. What encouragement did the prophet Obed give to King Asa at one time? 2 Chron. 15:1-7.
11. What was the happy result? Verses 8-15.
12. In what kind of work must we abound, and will it be in vain? 1 Cor. 15:58.
13. Is there a record in heaven of our work, and our prayers here on earth? Acts 10:1-4.

Lesson for July 9, 1981

PRIDE

Scripture reading: Daniel 4th Chapter.

Memory verse: Proverbs 16:18.

1. Of a long list of things that the Lord hates, what is the first thing mentioned? Proverbs 6:16-19.
2. Why will the wicked not seek after the Heavenly Father? Psalms 10:4.
3. What will a man's pride gain for him? Prov. 29:23.
4. What is it that goes before destruction? Prov. 16:18.

5. What was the cause of Lucifer's downfall? Isa. 14:12-15.
6. What high position did Haman once hold in the kingdom of Persia and Media? Esther 3:1.
7. What effect did Mordecai's refusal to bow down have upon Haman? Verse 5.
8. What did Haman in his anger seek to do? Verses 6-15.
9. How did Haman feel when he was the only man invited to dine with the King and Queen? Esther 5:7-12.
10. In his anger against Mordecai, what did he do? v. 13, 14.
11. How did Haman meet his death? Esther 7:10.
Note. — This is a sad story of a man who held a very high position in life but became exalted through pride. He met his bitter end being hung on the gallows that he had prepared for the man he hated.
12. What happened to King Nebuchadnezzar because of pride? Dan. 4:30-33.
13. What great lesson did this King learn the hard way? Verses 34-37.
14. Where does pride come from? 1 John 2:16.
15. What wonderful admonition do we get from the Apostle Peter? 1 Peter 5:6-7.

Lesson for July 16, 1981

LIVING FOR JESUS AND FAITHFULNESS IN STEWARDSHIP

Scripture reading: Matthew 25:14-30.

Memory verse: John 15:2.

1. What was Christ's reason for coming down to earth? Luke 19:10.
2. What did Peter say about the Lord's mission? 1 Peter 2:21.
3. With what loving words are we told to follow His example? Matt. 16:24-26.
4. Is there a great reward for being a faithful steward? V. 27.
Note. — There are more ways of giving one's life than giving it in death as a martyr. One can also lose his life in service for the Lord Jesus Christ.
5. What is the Bible definition of a tithe? Lev. 27:30-32.
6. To whom does the tithe belong? Verse 30.
7. What are we in the Lord's sight if we fail to pay that which is due Him? Mal. 3:8.
8. What will be the terrible punishment which will come upon the unprofitable servant? Matt. 25:30.

Note. — Therefore it is very important to live close to the Lord in prayer in order to be sure of paying tithes where they will be profitable to Him and the true cause for which the Lord Jesus died. There are many deceivers and false teachers which we would not want to support. Matt. 24:24; 2 Tim. 3:13.

9. What are some outstanding examples in the Old Testament of tithe paying? Gen. 14:18-20; Gen. 28:20-22.
10. Did Christ sanction tithe paying? Matt. 23:23; 22:15-21.
11. Are offerings also required of us? Mal. 3:8, last part.

Note. --- We actually do not give the Lord anything in paying tithes, for the tenth of our income is His. He says it belongs to Him. He created the heavens and the earth. Naturally the earth and all that which is on it belongs to Him. See Psalms 24:1 and 50:10. He upholds and sustains it. Heb. 1:3.

The tithe which is holy unto the Lord actually provides us with another pair of feet to go forth with the gospel of salvation as our Savior would do if He were actually here on earth again as a man. It gives us a part in preaching the message of salvation unto all the world, to which work He has called every person baptized and redeemed from the world.

Lesson for July 23, 1981

THE CHRISTIAN DUTY OF REJOICING

Scripture reading: Psalms 97.

Memory verse: Phil. 4:4.

1. What admonition does the Psalmist give the righteous? Psa. 5:11; 32:11; 68:3.

Note. — In the Word of God we find many references which exhort those who love and serve the Lord to be joyful and to express their joy in no uncertain manner.

2. Why should the Christian rejoice even when persecuted? Luke 6:23; Acts 5:41; 1 Peter 1:5-9.

Note. — It was from a prison cell, when his future was uncertain, that the Apostle Paul enjoined his converts to “rejoice in the Lord always,” and then, as if he thought some would consider this a rash and impossible command, he convinced them by repeating, “And again I say, Rejoice!” Phil. 4:4.

3. What shall the reward of those who sow in tears? Psa. 126:5, 6.

4. The joyful Christian will possess what characteristics? Rom. 12:10-15.
Note. - The ungrateful soul cannot rejoice; it is too full of self, of murmurings, to see the cause of joy. The late Alexander Whyte once visited an old woman who was full of murmurings. During a stay of 20 minutes he uttered not a word, but was patiently listening to her tale of woe. Then rising, he picked up his hat and gloves, and shaking her hand, said in farewell, "And mind ye forget not all His benefits!"
5. What does Solomon say is the gift of Heaven? Ecc. 3:12, 13, 22; 5:19.
6. Does the Lord require a joyful people, ever rejoicing? Joel 2:23; Deut. 12:10-12; 16:11; 1 Chron. 16:10.
Note. — If we dwell in the love of God, will we need to be exhorted to rejoice in the Lord? Do you feel that the believer who is always gloomy and despondent is failing in his obligation to God and man?
 Rejoicing in the Lord is mentioned 208 times in the Bible, and to be glad 37 times. Happiness in the Lord is also spoken of many times.

Lesson for August 1, 1981

THE SUPREME OBJECT IN LIVING

Scripture reading: Romans 12th Chapter.

Memory verse: Romans 12:1.

1. What was it that actuated the Heavenly Father \ to give His son? John 3:16.
2. Did Christ voluntarily give Himself and His life to save men? John 10:11, 15, 17.
3. Did Christ have to give up comforts and riches to carry out His work? 2 Cor. 8:9.
4. Did He suffer inconvenience and privations on earth on account of His poverty? Luke 9:58.
5. Did the world appreciate Christ and His work, even though He made so great a sacrifice? John 1:11.
6. Can there be greater love manifested than that which Christ demonstrated for us? John 15:13. Rom 5:7, 8.
7. What reward encouraged our Lord to endure the cross? Heb. 12:2.
8. To whom did He commit His work in His absence? Mark 13:34.

9. What mind should be in us respecting the salvation of our fellowmen? Phil. 2:4, 5.
10. What is the underlying principle that actuates a true believer? 2 Cor. 5:15.
11. Will any amount of labor, suffering or sacrifice profit us anything without this love? 1 Cor. 13:1-3.
12. May we expect any better treatment from the world than our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ received? John 15:18-20.
13. Is suffering for Christ's sake a part of the Christian's earthly heritage? Phil. 1:29.
14. Will the true Christian practice any self-denial for Christ and the work of the gospel? Luke 9:23-25; Rom. 12:1.

Lesson for August 8, 1981

FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP DOCTRINALLY

Scripture reading: Titus 1:1-15.

Memory verse: Titus 2:1.

1. What did the apostle Jude say we should earnestly contend for? Jude 3.
2. What two kinds of doctrine are there in the world? Matt. 7:28, 29; 1 Tim. 4:1.
Note. — In these two texts are mentioned the doctrines of Christ, and the doctrines of devils.
3. What is the doctrine of Christ according to 1 Tim 6:3-5?
4. What did Jesus say of His doctrine? John 7:16.
5. Why did He say this? John 6:38; 5:30.
6. How and through what medium can we know the true doctrine? 2 Tim. 3:16, 17.
7. Through what medium does the Holy Spirit work to reveal the wonderful saving truth? 2 Pet. 1:20, 21; Heb. 10:25; Rev. 2:7.
8. Will obedience to sound doctrine help us? Rom 6:17, 18.
9. As children of God and teachers, what are we commanded to teach? Titus 2:1.
10. Should sound doctrine condemn all manner of sin? What is sin? 1 Tim. 1:9-10.
11. By sound doctrine what may we be able to do? Titus 1:9.
12. If we give heed to true Bible doctrine, what will it do? 1 Tim 4:16.
13. What did Christ Jesus command us not to leave undone? Matt. 23:23.

14. Why were the people astonished at the doctrine of Christ? Matt. 7:28, 29.

Note. — Christ spake with authority because He taught the Word in its purity, and no opponent relying upon false doctrine was able to successfully resist it; so it is with everyone today who is able to take the unadulterated Word as their guide.

15. How did Paul say some would regard sound doctrine in times to come? 1 Tim. 4:1-4.

Lesson for August 15, 1981

THE TIME OF THE END AND DELIVERANCE

Scripture reading: Psalms 91.

Memory verse: Daniel 12:1.

1. Just before the dead are resurrected, what conditions will prevail on earth?
Dan. 12:1; Rev. 11:18.
2. What city will be made burdensome to all nations, against which they will direct their armies during this time of trouble? Compare Zechariah 12:2, 3 with chapter 14:1-3.
3. What is especially said of those who are wise in the knowledge of God during the time of the end? Dan. 12:3, 4, 10.
4. During the time when Jerusalem is being restored, what is further said of God's Watchmen? Isa. 52:6, 9.
5. What will be seen and heard in the streets and highways, when the message of God's preparation is going forth? Nah. 2:3, 4.
6. What is said of the troubled conditions of the hearts of men and of the distress of nations just before the end? Luke 21:25, 26.
7. When the time of trouble is threatening throughout the world, what will the nations be doing to prevent disaster? Isa. 8:9, 10.
8. What does the Lord say for His people not to do? Verse 12
9. Who are we to look upon for help and sanctify in our hearts? Isaiah 8:13; Zeph. 2:3.
10. What particular message respecting the law of God will His people be deeply concerned about? Isa. 8:16.
11. What doctrine will be prevalent throughout the world? Verse 19.

12. By what great standard are the people to be judged? Isaiah 8:20, and with Rev. 12:17 and 14:12.
13. What will happen to the unprofitable servant at this time? Matt. 25:30; Luke 12:20, 21.
14. What will be the condition throughout the earth as the Gentile times end? Luke 21:26, 27, 34, 35.
15. In order to be delivered, what must we do? Luke 21:36.

Lesson for August 22, 1981
THE GOSPEL COMMISSION

Scripture reading: 1 Cor. 1st Chapter.

Memory verse: 1 Cor. 1:1.

1. What was the great service command given by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ? Mark 16:15-19.
2. Is this responsibility only to those called into the ministry? Matt. 25:14, 15.
3. What are some of these servants doing today with their ability? Matt. 25:24-29.
4. What admonition and reward will be given to those who assume their part and privilege of the gospel? Verse 23.
5. What will happen to those who take no active part? Verse 30; John 15:1, 2.
6. What does this gospel, commission include? Luke 9:1, 2;
7. Will those who believe be able to do a great work! John 14:12.

Note. - Those seeking these gifts should often read the miracles of the New Testament, and believe the promise - that they will be done again.

8. Are we commanded to covet the gifts of the Spirit? 1 Cor. 12:31; 14:1.
9. What are the gifts of the Spirit? 1 Cor. 12:8-10.
10. Is the Heavenly Father willing to give these good things (gifts of the Spirit) to those who seek for them earnestly? Matt. 7:7-11.
11. How are these gifts obtained? Matt. 7:7, 8; Luke 11:9-13.
12. If anyone will really hunger and thirst after these gifts, will they obtain them? Matt. 5:6.
13. Will the church possess these gifts in their fullness? 1 Cor. 1:5-7.

Note. — Besides the gift of prophecy, which includes preaching (1 Cor. 14:3) the ministers should covet the other gifts, earnestly seeking for them.

Lesson for August 29, 1981

THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT IN THE LIFE

Scripture reading: Romans 8:1-14.

Memory verse: Romans 8:11.

1. In order to be free from condemnation, how must the people of God walk?
Rom. 8:1.
2. How can we judge rightly and know that we are walking in the spirit? Rom. 8:4.
3. What is the reward — both temporal and eternal — to those who are spiritual-minded? Rom 8:6.
4. What is a sure index of a person's life? Matt. 12:34, 37.
5. What should be the daily prayer of everyone seeking a home in the Kingdom of God? Psa. 19:14.
6. When the people of the Lord are spiritual-minded, what will their conversation be? Psa. 50:23.
7. Is it possible to please God when we are in the natural ways of the flesh? Rom. 8:8.
8. What is it that is necessary to abide in each child of God, that he may not follow the flesh? Rom. 8:9.
9. If this spirit takes up its abode within us and remains, what work will finally be wrought? Rom. 8:11.
10. How can we acquire the indwelling of the Holy Spirit? Luke 11:11-13.
11. What important Christian virtue does the Holy Spirit shed abroad in our hearts?
Rom. 5:5.
12. In what way and by what power can we overcome the natural ways of the flesh? Rom. 8:13, 14.
13. When led by the Spirit, where will we be storing our treasures? Matt. 6:19-21.

Lesson for September 6, 1981

THE REGATHERING OF THE JEWISH NATION

Scripture reading: Deut. 30:1-15.

Memory verse: Deut. 30:19.

1. Did God promise to gather the Jews back to their homeland? Jer. 24:5-7.
2. What other promise do we have that the Jews will be gathered? Jer. 32:37-44.
3. Will the ruined cities be built up again? Eze. 36:33, 36; 38:10-12
4. What does Jeremiah further say about the Jews? Jer. 30:18-21.
5. Will war continue at this time? Jer. 30:23, 24.
6. Will the land be planted and houses built again? Amos 9:14, 15.
7. Their first regathering followed the year 457 B.C. Ezra 7. Were they to be gathered the second time? Isa. 11:11, 12.
8. What did Moses prophesy in regards to the Jewish people? Deut. 30:19, 20.
9. What will take place after the Jewish people are gathered back to Jerusalem? Joel 3:1, 2; Zech. 14:1-4.
10. What did God tell the Jewish people He would do for them? Zech. 8:12-15.
11. Has there been a special SET time for the Lord to favor Zion? Psa. 102:13.
12. What is said of this set time, and the rebuilding of Zion and the appearing of Jesus? Psa. 102:16.
13. When the Jews are gathered back, will the Lord set pastors and shepherds in the land to teach them? Jer. 23:3, 4; 3:14, 15.

Lesson for September 13, 1981

THE LAST MESSAGE

Scripture reading: Rev. 16th Chapter.

Memory verse: Rev. 16:1.

1. Upon whom will the first one of the seven last plagues be poured? Rev. 16:1.
2. Had the people been warned of the coming of these plagues, before they were poured out upon them? Rev. 14:9 and 18:4.

Note. — The Heavenly Father has never brought judgment upon a city or upon the world before He warned the people of its coming and gave them ample time to escape. He warned Sodom and Gomorrah; he warned Tyre and Sidon; He warned Nineveh and Babylon, and also the world before the flood. He is also warning this present world through His chosen, called out remnant people.

3. What two signs are given of this special time of preparation? Nahum 2:3.
4. There have been three world-wide messages sent forth since the beginning of

the gospel age. What and when was the first message? Rev. 14: 6, 7.

Note. — This was the message sent forth in the days of the apostles, to a world of idolatrous people, to destroy their idols and worship Him that made the heavens and the earth. It was also the hour of judgment upon the Jewish nation. Luke 21:24.

5. What is said about the time of judgment that was a part of the first world-wide message? 1 Peter 4:17; John 16:7-11 and 12:31.

6. What was the nature of the second angel's message? Rev. 14:8.

Note. — 'Babylon the great' was the brand on the forehead of the woman of Revelation 17:5, symbolizing the church that rode on and controlled the beast during a period of 1,200 years, when this church ruled the world from Rome. The corruption and spiritual fall of this church was the world-wide message of the reformation. Those who protested against her sin and corruption have ever since been called "Protestants."

This message has gone to all the world, but the followers of these reformers no longer protest.

7. What is the nature, of the third angel's message, and against whom is it especially directed? Rev. 14:9, 10.

8. What is the next event that follows this message? Is there still another to be given, or is it time then for the King to come and reign? Rev. 14:14-16.

Note. -- Note carefully that this final message is a warning to the world of the approach of the seven last plagues. It is against the beast worship. Also that those who worship the beast, the same drink of the wine of His wrath. The memory verse of last of this lesson shows clearly that this is the seven last plagues which will be poured out upon the ungodly.

9. What does Revelation 15:1 also tell us about these last plagues? Rev. 15:1.

10. The message about the beast, and giving this warning is 'meat in due season'. For these things truly are at the door at this time. In what class are the foolish virgins placed whose light went out after the 11th hour, and the servants who said His coming is delayed? Matt. 24:45-51 and Matt. 25:8-12.

Note. — Any group that claims to be the Church of God but refuses to give out this 'meat in due season' message and lays it upon the shelf to keep unity among their leaders or for any other reason, is not the "Remnant church" and

should not be held up and supported by any of the true servants.

Lesson for September 20, 1981

THE SECRET OF GOD'S POWER

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-47.

Memory Verse: Acts 2: 46, 47.

1. After Jesus 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 Jesus said they would receive? Verse 5.
3. With what were the disciples filled when the promise of the Father came upon them? Acts 2:4.
4. As a result of the Almighty Power of God through the thing happened? Acts 2:1.
5. In what condition were the disciples of Christ when Pentecost came and the Holy Ghost was given? Acts 2:1
6. What other wonderful works were performed by the power of God? Acts 3:1-8.
7. What effect did the miracles which were performed and the preaching of the apostles, have upon those who witnessed this? Acts 4:4.
8. How did the whole company lift up their voices to God? Verses 23-30.
9. What was the result of their united prayer? Verse 31.
10. What is said of the condition of the multitude at this? Verse 32.
11. What was the result of this oneness of accord? Verse 33.

Lesson for September 27, 1981

THE LAST MESSAGE

Scripture reading: Matthew 24.

Memory verse: Matt. 24:33.

1. What is said about the end of this age as compared to the days that were before the flood? Matt. 24:37-39.
2. What is said about the separation of the righteous from the wicked? Matt. 24:40, 41.
3. What about watching, and not knowing the exact time when the Lord Jesus will

return? Matt. 24:36, 42, compare 1 Thess. 5:2-4.

Note. --- It is utterly impossible for anyone to get the time figured down to so fine a point as to the very day and the very hour, but according to many scriptures, we will not be in total darkness. We will know near the time of this great event, and we are told to watch. Note Rev. 3:3.

4. What servant does the Lord Jesus call “blessed”? Is it the one who is watching or the one who says His coming is delayed? Matt. 24:43-51.

Note. — Both of these are servants. This is not speaking of the righteous and the wicked ones, but of His servants. One class are giving out “the meat in due season.” They are the watchful. While the others are sidetracked from the message of His coming, drop the “meat in due season” message and preach salvation and smite their fellow servants.

5. The Lord Jesus goes right on with His sermon, as recorded in the next chapter, and tells us of other servants who are lost. How many were wise and how many were foolish? Matt. 25:1, 2.

6. What was the difference between these two classes? Matt. 25:3, 4.

Note. — These foolish virgins or servants were of the same class as those who failed to give out meat in due season. They had their lamps which had gone out. Hence they were not giving out the warning in due season message, at the midnight hour, and were shut out with the hypocrites. Their lights had gone out.

7. The foolish woke up when it was too late and realized their mistake. Were they received anyway, or were they shut out? Matt. 25:11, 12.

8. What is said about the true remnant people in regards to being lights to the world? Matt. 5:14, 16.

9. What is further said about this little flock relative to their stewardship, and giving out the light? Luke 12:32-35.