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Lesson for April 3, 1982 THE SUFFERING OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST

Scripture reading: Isaiah 63:1-12.

Memory verse: 1Timothy 1:15.

- 1. Why did Jesus come into this world? 1Timothy 1:15.
- 2. What prompted our Heavenly Father to permit His own Son to die for sinful men? 1 John 4:9, 10; Romans 5:8.
- 3. Did Christ Jesus know beforehand how He would be hated and despised, and finally crucified? Luke 18:31-33.
- 4. Jesus knew all that would befall Him, and how He would suffer and be crucified. How willing was He to go through all of this agony, shame, and suffering? Luke 22:41, 42; Matthew 16:21-23; 26:37-39.
- 5. How great was the agony of His soul and what caused Him added grief? Luke 22:44, 47, 48.
- 6. What act of Peter's caused the Saviour additional sufferings? Luke 22:59-61.
- 7. What reproachful things were done to Him at the high priest's house? Luke 22:63, 64.
- 8. What cruelty did Pilate inflict upon Him? John19:1-3.
- 9. What shameful treatment did He receive from the Roman soldiers? Matthew 27:29, 30, 34, 41, 42.
- 10. What wonderful prayer did He utter for His tormentors while He hung on the cross? Luke 23:34.
- 11. Was it necessary for Christ to suffer thus? Hebrews 2:10.
- 12. Seeing how Christ was permitted to suffer all of this for us, what challenge is this to His followers? Romans 8:31, 32.

Lesson for April 10, 1982 THE LORD'S SUPPER

Scripture reading: John 6:22-71.

Memory verse: John 6:54.

- 1. Where did Jesus go after feeding the five thousand? John 6:24, 25.
- 2. Why were the multitudes seeking Him? John 6:26.

- 3. What did Jesus tell them about meat? From where did He say this meat would be obtained? John 6:27.
- Does it appear that the multitude thought they had this bread from Heaven? How did Jesus reply? John 6:31-35.
- 5. How did the Jews respond to this statement which Jesus made? John 6:42.
- 6. How did Jesus reply to their murmurings? John 6, 48, 50,51, 53-58.
- When Jesus introduced the Lord's Supper, what did He say the unleavened bread represented? Luke 22:19; St. Matthew 26: 26. Compare with John 6:51, 53.

Note. — While Jesus and His disciples were eating the Pass- over; Jesus took bread, blessed it, and said, 'hake eat this is my body." This unleavened bread represented His body. The eating of the Passover lamb now was forever in die past. The Passover had become history, Jesus was introducing the Lord's Supper.

- After partaking of the unleavened bread what did Jesus do? Luke 22:20; Matthew 26:27.
- What did Jesus say the drink which was in the cup represented? Mark 14:24;
 Matthew 26:28; Luke 22:20. Compare with John 6:53, 54.
- 10. What did the cup which Jesus gave to the disciples contain? Mark 14:25, Matthew 26:29.

Note. --- The gospels of Mark, Luke and John tell us that the cup which Jesus blessed contained the fruit of the vine. This was the pure blood of the grapes, which represent the precious blood of Jesus. Please see Deuteronomy 32:14 (last part). Note the contents of this cup was not fermented wine, nor water, but the pure blood of the grapes, fruit of the vine.

- 11. Is it scriptural to refer to the Lord's Supper as communion? 1 Corinthians 10:16.
- 12. Was Judas present and did he partake of the Lord's Supper? Luke 22:21; John 13:18.
- 13. What must each soul do before partaking of the Lord's Supper? If we fail what will be the sad consequences? 1 Corinthians 11:27-30.

Lesson for April 17, 1982 THE GOLDEN RULE

Scripture reading: Luke 6:17-38.

Memory verse: Matthew 7:12.

- What did God, through Moses, give to His people to obey? Deuteronomy 4:40 (first part).
- 2. Were these commandments given just to show God's authority over man, or would man be benefited by keeping them? Deuteronomy 4:40 (last part).
- 3. If all men had obeyed the commandments of God, would there be war today? Isaiah 48:17. 18.
- Some people pick out certain commandments and say that they are greater than others. What question was Jesus once asked concerning this? Matthew 22:36.
- 5. What answer did Jesus give the lawyer? Did He say that any certain commandments were greater? Matthew 22:37-40.
- 6. Jesus said that He gave us a new commandment. Is it any different from the other ten? John 13:34; John 15:12.
- 7. What then is the very foundation and the fulfilling of the whole Ten Commandment law? Galatians 5:14.
- What does the Apostle John tell us concerning the commandment of love? 1 John 4:7-11.
- 9. In order to obey this great command of love, what must we do? Luke 6:31-38.
- 10. Some people say they love God, and yet they cannot seem to say enough evil about their neighbors and friends. Do these people really love God? 1 John 4:20.
- 11. What proves to the world that we are genuine Christian people? 1 John 3:14-19; John 13:35.

Lesson for April 24, 1982 THE LAW OF GOD WRITTEN ON TWO TABLES OF STONE

Scripture reading: Deuteronomy 10:1-10.

Memory verse: Revelation 22:14.

- 1. By whom were the Ten Commandments spoken? Deuteronomy 4:12, 13.
- 2. Was this a complete law? Deuteronomy 5:22.
- 3. By whom, and on what were the Ten Commandments written? Exodus 24:12.
- 4. After they had been written by God and delivered to Moses, where were they kept? Deuteronomy 10:5.
- 5. What is sin the transgression of? James 2:10, 11; 1 John 3:4.
- What is the character of the Ten Commandments? Romans 7:12; Nehemiah 9:13; Psalms 119:172.
- 7. What is the nature of God's law? Roman 7:14.
- 8. How long did Jesus say the law of God would continue? Matthew 5:18.
- Can one be subject to the law of God while their minds are carnal? Romans 8:7.
- 10. What did Jesus slate as one of the conditions of entering into eternal life? Matthew 19:17.
- 11. What promise is made to those who keep the law of God Revelation 22:14.
- 12. Who will be justified before God, the hearers, or the doers of His law? Romans 2:13.

Lesson for May 1, 1982 THE LAW OF MOSES WHICH WAS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK

Scripture reading: Deuteronomy 31:24-30.

Memory verse: Acts 15:24.

- Did Moses give a law unto Israel besides the Ten Commandments? Deuteronomy 33:4; 31:9.
- 2. In what was the law of Moses written? Deuteronomy 31:24
- After Moses had made an end of writing this law, where was it placed? Deuteronomy 31:26.

Note. — God's Holy Ten Commandment law was placed inside the Ark of the Covenant, while the book of the law written by Moses was placed outside of the Ark.

- 4. What further is said about the law of Moses? Ezekiel 20: 24, 25.
- 5. Why was the law of Moses given, and how long was it to continue? Galatians

3:19.

- 6. Where was the law of Moses nailed? Colossians 2:14.
- 7. What does Galatians 5:1 say about the laws of Moses?
- 8. What does Colossians 2:14 tell us about them?
- 9. Were these laws unto perfection? Hebrews 7:19.
- 10. Were they merely a shadow of things to come? Hebrews 10:1.

Lesson for May 8, 1982 THE TONGUE

Scripture reading: James 3.

Memory verse: Matthew 15:11.

- 1. What does the Bible say about the tongue? James 3:6, 8.
- 2. What is one thing that distinguishes a fool from a prudent man? Proverbs 12:23.
- 3. What do they, who are "void of wisdom"? Proverbs 11:12.
- What does the Bible call those who destroy their neighbor by slanderish talk? Proverbs 11:9.
- 5. If we are to have a faithful spirit, what must we do? Proverbs 11:13.
- 6. Should we count it a small matter when we have kindled a little fire with the tongue? James 3:5.

Note. — Every raging forest fire has a small beginning. So it is with the little fires of the tongue. They may start small, but soon spread engulfing and marring many.

- 7. What evidence must a wise man show to prove his authenticity? James 3:13.
- 8. Of what does the "wisdom that is from above" consist? James 3:17.
- 9. Is ordering your conversion aright a matter of life and death? Proverbs 13:3.
- 10. What must a man do to be perfect? James 3:2; 4:8, 10.

Lesson for May 15, 1982

PROFITABLE SERVANTS, LABOURERS TOGETHER

Scripture reading: John 15:1-5.

Memory verse: John 15:5.

- What did Jesus call those whom He called to work in His vineyard? Matthew 4:19.
- 2. Did the Apostles have much success without the Saviour? John 21:3-5.
- 3. What did Jesus tell His disciples to do? Did they have success? John 21:6.
- 4. Is it possible for missionaries to have any success without the help of the Lord Jesus Christ? John 15:5.
- 5. May any Christian be a worker in the vineyard of the Lord? Luke 9:49, 50.
- 6. In what condition must the servant of the Lord be? 2 Timothy 2:22-25.
- What did Paul say he feared he would find among the Corinthian brethren? 2 Corinthians 12:20.
- 8. What is James instruction to the Christians? James 2:17, 18.
- What instruction did Paul give? And what example should we set before them?
 1Timothy 4:12-16.
- 10. What did Peter say we should do? 1 Peter 3:15.
- 11. How may we glorify our Heavenly Father? John 15:8.
- 12. What does the Lord say to those who see no work to be done? John 4:35, 36.

Lesson for May 22, 1982 A CHOSEN SEED

Scripture reading: Isaiah 60.

Memory verse: Isaiah 60:21.

- 1. What promise was given to Mother Eve? Genesis 3:15.
- What promise was made to the seed Abraham? Why was this promise made? Genesis 22:17, 18; 26:4, 5.
- 3. How far was the blessing to Abraham to reach? Were others also to be blessed through his seed? Genesis 12:2 (last part).
- 4. What more does the Lord say about this family? Isaiah 61:3.
- Did the Heavenly Father expect the blessing to spring forth and grow? Isaiah
 61:11.
- 6. Was Israel always faithful to the trust given them? Jeremiah 2:21, 22.
- 7. Did God call for His chosen seed to return to Him and repent? Jeremiah 4:1-4.
- Did they repent? What was the outcome? Jeremiah 5:11- 15; Ezekiel 22:19-22.

Note. - This prophecy was fulfilled after the first regathering of Israel and the building of the second Temple. It was this destruction our Lord Jesus also announced. The Roman general Titus in the year 70 A.D. besieged Jerusalem, and history says that men and women ate their own children whip died of starvation in this siege. It is said that over one million Jews perished in this siege.

- 9. Does the Heavenly Father still have a purpose in preserving the seed? Isaiah 49:8; 48:10-12.
- 10. What other promise shows that God is leading Israel His chosen? Isaiah 59:20, 21; Jeremiah 31:35, 37.
- 11. Did the Lord promise to gather Israel to the land of promise the second time? Isaiah 11:11-13.
- 12. According to the Apostle Peter, how were the Gentiles to be blessed through this righteous seed? Acts 3:22-25.
- 13. When the nations come against Israel (Jerusalem) in the future, who will be dwelling there? Will it be the literal seed of Israel or the Gentiles? Ezekiel 38:16.

Lesson for May 29, 1982 THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

Scripture reading: Matthew 24:29-51.

Memory verse: Revelation 15:2.

- 1. How will Christ return? Acts 1:9-I 1.
- 2. What will His coming be like? Matthew 24:27.
- 3. How many will see Him? Revelation 1:7.
- 4. What great event will take place at His appearing? 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17.
- How does Jesus describe His appearing? What will take place at this time? Matthew 13:37-43.
- What does John the revelator say will take place at this time? Revelation 14:14-20.
- 7. Under what seal will the Lord Jesus appear? Revelation 6:12-14.
- 8. What will the wicked do when they see Jesus reigning upon the throne?

Revelation 6:15-17.

- 9. What conditions will be prevalent on the earth at this time? Matthew 24:37-42.
- 10. Where will the armies of the nations be gathered at this time? Revelation 16:12-16.
- 11. How does the prophet Joel describe this battle? Does he refer to the armies which will be gathered in the valley of Jehoshaphat? Joel 3:12, 13.
- 12. How many nations will be gathered against the people of the Lord at that day? Joel 3:1, 2.
- 13. Will the Lord intervene in this battle? Joel 3:15-17.

Lesson for June 5, 1982

THE SOURCE AND NEED OF BIBLE PROPHECY

Scripture reading: 2 Peter 1:1-21.

Memory verse: 2 Peter 1:21.

- 1. How is all Scripture given? 2 Timothy 3:16.
- 2. For what purpose are they given? 2 Timothy 3:17.
- 3. Are these prophecies for us today? And what will they do? Deuteronomy 29:29.
- 4. What is the last book in the Bible called? Revelation 1:1.
- What did the Lord God promise those who read these prophecies? Revelation 1:3.
- 6. How are the Old Testament prophecies given? 2 Peter 1:21.
- 7. What is said of the interpretation of these prophecies? 2 Peter 1:20.
- 8. Did the Spirit of Christ have anything to do with the prophets? I Peter 1:11.
- 9. How was the coming of Christ revealed to Peter? 1 Peter 1:11, 12.
- 10. What are these prophecies to us in our day? 2 Peter 1:19: 1 Corinthians 10:11; Romans 15:4.
- 11. Will the true elect person, called of the Heavenly Father for eternal life, be fruitful or unfruitful in the work of the Lord at this time? 2 Peter 1:8.

Lesson for June 12, 1982

THE GREAT SYMBOL OF THE GENTILE TIMES

Scripture reading: Daniel 2:20-45.

Memory verse: Daniel 2:21.

- 1. What was the dream of king Nebuchadnezzar and what was the interpretation? Daniel 2:31-44.
- 2. What was the name of the first universal kingdom? What was the name of the first king? Daniel 2:1.
- 3. Upon whom did they call to interpret this dream? Daniel 2:2.
- 4. What was the wise men's answer to the king? Daniel 2:10, 11.
- 5. In what way was the dream revealed to Daniel? Daniel 2:17, 19.
- 6. What did the king say about Daniel and his companions? Daniel 1:19-24 17.
- 7. Why did the Lord reveal the dream to Daniel? Daniel 2:17, 18.
- 8. After the dream was revealed to Daniel what did he do? Daniel 2:23.
- 9. What was king Nebuchadnezzar's dream? Daniel 2:31-38.
- 10. What is represented by the head of gold? Daniel 2:36-38.
- 11. As this great image represented the Gentile Rulership over the world, how many universal kingdoms were to follow the kingdom of Nebuchadnezzar, before the kingdom of God would be set up? Verses 39, 40.
- 12. To represent the weak and unstable conditions of the Gentile world as it came to its close, what is said of its feet and toes? Verse 41-42.
- 13. As these four kingdoms have come in their proper order according to divine announcement, what part of the vision is yet in the future? Verse 44, 45.

Lesson for June 19, 1982 ISRAEL AND GENTILE TIMES

Scripture reading: Luke 21:24-38.

Memory verse: Luke 21:36.

- 1. What did the Lord Jesus say concerning the tribulation of the Jewish people and the period of their dispersion? Luke 21:24.
- 2. As Gentile times are coming to an end, what conditions will prevail on the earth? Verse 25, 26.

Note. — Gentile times did not begin in one certain day, or even in a certain

year, but over a period of time. As Israel gradually lost interest and drifted into unbelief, the Gentiles gradually became interested. Today this is happening in reverse: Gentiles are rapidly turning away from the Lord, and Israel is becoming interested.

- 3. How long was Jerusalem to be trodden down by the Gentiles? Luke 21:24.
- 4. How long was the period of blindness to remain over Israel and the Jewish people? Romans 11:25.
- 5. Will the Lord receive the Jewish people and graft them again into their own tame olive tree? Romans 11:23, 24.
- 6. How is the receiving of them again associated with the resurrection? Verse 15.
- 7. According to the prophet Ezekiel, when Israel returns to their land, will they also be given the Spirit, land a change of heart? Ezekiel 36:24-26.
- 8. What conditions will prevail in the land of Israel regarding sprinkling of clean water (the Word) on the Jews? Verse 25.
- 9. When the Lord Jesus returns to the Mount of Olives, will He come to people living in sin, or will He come to a people who have already turned from their transgressions? Isaiah 59:20.
- 10.10 Will it be after the Lord comes that Israel will seek the Lord here at Jerusalem? Or will it be "in the last days"? Hosea 3:4, 5: 5:15.
- 11. After the Lord gathers the Jews back to the land of Israel, will He send Pastors to teach them the ways of righteousness? Jeremiah 3:14, 15.

Lesson for June 26, 1982 A GENERAL REVIEW OF PREVIOUS LESSONS

Scripture reading: Romans 12.

Memory verse: Romans 12:16.

- 1. Are ministers instructed from the Word to preach doctrine? 2 Timothy 4:1, 2.
- What is it that gives us knowledge and wisdom in preparation for wisdom? 2 Timothy 3:15.
- 3. When the Jews are being gathered back to their home-land, will there come any change upon them spiritually? Ezekiel 36: 24-27.
- 4. Will it be the Jews or Gentiles living at Jerusalem in the last days when the nations are gathered against Jerusalem to battle? Ezekiel 38:14-16.

- 5. What work are we called of the Lord to perform? Matthew 4:18, 19.
- 6. How important is it that we answer the gospel call? Ezekiel 33:7-9.
- 7. What special sign is given that the gathering of the Jews to Jerusalem precedes the coming of the Lord? Psalms 102:16; Luke 21:24.
- 8. After the love of Christ Jesus comes into our hearts, will we speak evil of anyone? Titus 3:2, 3.
- To whom did the Lord commit Ills work when He ascended to Heaven? Mark 13:34,
- 10. Can we have success as fishers of men without the presence of the Lord Jesus? John 15:5.
- 11. What wonderful promises are given to the overcomers? Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 26-28.

These additional lessons are undated and can be used anytime (such as when future lessons arrive late, for home study, etc.):

WALKING AND ABOUNDING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

Scripture reading: Colossians 3.

Memory verse: Colossians 3:23.

- After being received in the heavenly family, for what should we always seek? Colossians 3:1.
- How should we consider the past and how should we plan for the future? Verses 2, 3.
- 3. What are some of the things we must put off? Verses 5, 9.
- 4. What must we put on? Verses10, 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 word and actions. When we put on the new man, we begin to build a life for eternity.

- 5. How is the new man nourished? Verse 16.
- 6. What should especially characterize our words and actions which proceed from our hearts? Verse 14.

- On whom should we depend daily to guide our words and our deeds? Verse 17.
- 8. After having chosen the right path, and prepared ourselves fully to walk in it, should we just work half heartedly, or to please men? Verse 23.
- 9. What in our actions are unbecoming to our profession, or place among the remnant people? Romans 1:18.
- 10. Should all who believe posses sufficient power to live a holy life? Verse 16, 17.
- 11. If we seek Him, and in faith believing, what will the Lord do for us? 1 Thessalonians 3:12, 13.
- 12. What is sure to be our reward if we increase and abound in love, patience, obedience, as profitable servants? 1 Thessalonians 4:1; 1 Corinthians 15:58. Note. The people of the world are interested only in their own gain, but it is not so with the person who is living for eternity. That person whether young or old, will be abounding in the work of the Lord, and his own work, in his own profession will be decidedly secondary to his life. The "kingdom work" will come first.

FAITH AND WORKS

Scripture reading: James 2.

Memory verse: James 2:26.

- Why did God promise Abraham that he and his seed would be blessed? Genesis 26:5.
- What must we do besides have love for our leather in Heaven? Deuteronomy 7:9.
- 3. What else should we do besides hear the Word of God? Luke 11:28.
- Will all those who say "Lord, Lord", enter into the Kingdom of Heaven? Matthew 7:21.
- 5. Those who cannot enter, what will some of them claim? Verses 22, 23.
- 6. What great contrast is shown between the doer of God's Word and the one that heareth His Word but doeth it not? Matthew 7:24-27.
- 7. Is it the hearer or the doer that shall be justified? Romans 2:13.
- 8. What does the Apostle James say about this matter? James 2:10.
- 9. What law was James writing about? Verse 11.

- 10. What did James say about faith and works? Verse 14.
- 11. What is said about faith that has not works? Verse 17.
- 12. How can we show that we have faith? Verse 18-20.

Note. — From our lesson we learn that faith alone is not enough. We must have both faith and works in order to be justified before God.